

1 Background

As lockdown restrictions ease there is a wealth of detailed data and research emerging examining the impact the virus has had across different groups and individuals.

The purpose of this report was to provide a rapid insight to a selection of learning included in previous Glasgow Public Protection bulletins, and some reflections for the Committees in light of some of their initial findings. There are now also centralised sources of information being curated both nationally and internationally.

2 Children & Young People

Data gaps and difficulty generalising what children's experiences have been. How do Committees ensure that a broad range of children/YP's voices are heard? Covid adversely impacted already vulnerable and lower income children families. Services need to be prepared for disclosures and be mindful of hidden harm and aware of hidden impacts. Concerns re deterioration in mental health.

3 Mental Health

Hugely impacted by both the pandemic and lockdown. Committees to continue efforts to gather data and further understand the inadvertent consequences on isolation, service access and substance misuse. There is likely to be growing demand for various types of mental health supports. Reflection on what helped to enhance resilience during lockdown can help to build better supports for service users moving forward.

7 Next Steps

Dissemination of Summary Report to Committees and Sub-Groups for discussion.

Joint CPC/ ASPC Session to explore how to progress the learning post-Covid restrictions and in recovery.

Circulate Report and Thematic Reviews via Bulletin.

Links with national CP and ASP networks.

Monitor and incorporate emerging research and information.

COVID-19 Research Rapid Summary Report



4 Disability and Carers

How can individuals with disabilities be better supported to access to services and healthcare, even as restrictions ease? For many disabled people and their carers, there are still significant vulnerabilities and concerns re safety even as the vaccine is rolled out. Disabilities/health issues may be more pronounced than pre-pandemic and require additional intervention. The negative economic impact of caring must be addressed. It is necessary to increase awareness raising to improve the identification of carers to ensure adequate and appropriate supports offered. All carers and disabled people must have visibility in the planning and remobilisation of services.

5 Poverty & Inequalities

Now more children living in poverty in Glasgow than pre pandemic. Ongoing work to better understand the interplay between poverty and neglect. Disadvantaged groups experience more data poverty. Committees must continue to support the anti-poverty agenda across Glasgow fora and services.

6 Crime, Gender, Substances & Homelessness

Covid altered the way those experiencing domestic abuse could access support. The demand has increased across many services. Committees must examine how services can increase awareness around online crime and threats. Rough sleeping in Glasgow is at a low; how best to support the maintenance of this. How lockdown has impacted drug/alcohol use in the city and how individuals interact with recovery services?