



## Bristol Health and Wellbeing Board

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Purpose:	oversight and assurance / information and discussion

- Paper to be no more than two pages long
- Draft papers are reviewed by the Public Health team
- Final papers will be published on the [public website](#)
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### 1. Executive Summary

The Scrutiny Working Groups were convened in July 2020.

The Health Scrutiny Working Group focused on the effect Covid-19 has had on equitable and timely access to planned health care in Bristol. Findings and recommendations focus on 3 key areas; (i) Communication and messaging, (ii) Communities and support, (iii) Capacity and ways of working.

The People Scrutiny Working Group focused on what effect Covid-19 has had on safeguarding children and young people in Bristol. Findings and recommendations focus on 6 key areas; (i) Identifying who needed support and assessing risk, (ii) School attendance during lockdown, (iii) Family tensions and stress, (iv) Community support, detached youth work and contextual safeguarding, (v) Children's and young people's mental health, (vi) Back to school.

Both working groups held evidence sessions, attended by the executive, NHS, and local and national expert practitioners, to look at the city-wide response and what learning there is to help inform and build resilience for the ongoing challenges and for risks of future pandemics.

### 2. Purpose of the Paper

For the Health & Wellbeing Board to have insight of the findings of the Scrutiny Working Groups for information, discussion and to inform its work plan and development sessions.

### 3. Background and evidence base

Members of the Health Scrutiny Working Group heard from 10 participants in person, and received a further 9 written submissions. Members of the People Scrutiny

Working Group heard from 22 participants in person, and received a further 5 written submissions.

Members of both Working Groups heard how the pandemic had shone a light on structural inequalities across society, which, firstly, makes the task of enabling equitable and timely access to appropriate health care whilst ensuring people are supported, more difficult, and also makes the task of keeping children and young people safe more challenging.

The Working Groups also referred to the following papers;

World Health Organisation (2020) '[Disability Considerations During the Covid-19 Outbreak](#)'

National Institute of Health Research (2020) '[The impact of COVID-19 on black, Asian and minority ethnic communities](#)'

Public Health England (2020), '[Disparities in the risk and outcomes of COVID-19](#)'

Healthwatch (2020), '[Shielding stories – an insight into how vulnerable people coped in North Somerset](#)'

BNSSG CCG (2020), '[Impact of COVID-19 and lockdown on health inequalities and steps that need to be taken to address this in BNSSG](#)'

#### **4. Community engagement**

HealthWatch; Healthier Together Citizens Panel

#### **5. Recommendations**

That the Health & Wellbeing Board consider the reports and use them to inform forward planning and development work of the Board.

#### **6. City Benefits**

To inform the development of policies to enable more resilience and equitable health and wellbeing outcomes for Bristol's communities.

#### **7. Financial and Legal Implications**

n/a

#### **8. Appendices**

Appendix 1; Health Scrutiny Working Group Report: Access to planned health care within the context of Covid-19 response and recovery planning -

Appendix 2; People Scrutiny Working Group Report: Safeguarding children and young people within the context of Covid-19 response and recovery planning