



## **ScotPHN Team Bulletin – 001**

Welcome to the first in our new series weekly ScotPHN team bulletin series.

We shared an email a couple of weeks ago outlining a new protocol for the exchange of ScotPHN team communications. We indicated that all non-COVID and non-priority communications (according to our defined criteria) will be shared in this new single 'bulletin style' weekly email.

Please read, cascade and respond [via reply email](#) as appropriate and as time allows. We also welcome notification of potential content/information for future bulletins.

### **Public Health Scotland highlights**

Our team are delighted to be part of Public Health Scotland which officially came to being as of 01 April 2020. Over the last few weeks we have embraced the opportunities presented within Public Health Scotland and as a Team have been working at pace to prioritise and realign our work, in collaboration with internal colleagues, Directors of Public Health and Scottish Government and other partners, to focus on support for the emerging national programmes; CoVID-19 Response, Recovery and Renewal. In doing so, we've had the chance to meet and work with many colleagues old and new from across PHS and within our new Place and Wellbeing directorate.

### **ScotPHN Team News**

ScotPHN email contact addresses:

- We would like to gently remind all of our colleagues and contacts (old and new) that with the exception of personal confidential mail, all correspondence F.A.O of ScotPHN team members and/or any of the National Groups/Networks or Projects we support should be shared to one of our generic email addresses (and not to individual team members where possible). This is especially important given current team capacity and to support our team resilience processes.

Furthermore, following our transition to Public Health Scotland, we have updated our outlook contact email address for each of our generic inboxes. All of our older email addresses will continue to receive mail and redirect to the new address for the next couple of months. However, please note the new ones and help us to

communicate them by tracking them in your own outlook inbox, in any onwards communications and sources that you might share these contact details with.

- Misc ScotPHN correspondence and general enquiries: [phs.scotphn@nhs.net](mailto:phs.scotphn@nhs.net)
- Scottish Health Promotion Manager Inbox: [phs.shpm@nhs.net](mailto:phs.shpm@nhs.net)
- Scottish Directors of Public Health Inbox: [phs.sdph@nhs.net](mailto:phs.sdph@nhs.net)
- National Special Interest Groups Inbox: [phs.sig@nhs.net](mailto:phs.sig@nhs.net)

### ScotPHN staffing update

- ScotPHN welcomed Neza Javornik to our team on 01 April in the role of Network Researcher. Neza joins the team whilst she concludes the latter stages of her PHD with Aberdeen University.  
Where possible please join us in supporting Neza to settle, albeit virtually for now, into the Team and Public Health Scotland.

## **National Leadership Group updates**

### Association of Directors of Public Health UK - Network Coordinators catch up

- ADPH UK is keen to ensure that the regional networks are supported during these very busy times, and we'd like to offer the possibility of scheduling a 1 hour catch up in the coming weeks. Possible discussion items include:
  - Regional updates on COVID-19 networks' responses and sharing some of the challenges/solutions
  - Overview of ongoing ADPH work, with an update from the Policy Team about some of the discussions happening at the national level
  - A discussion around how ADPH can best support regional networks and Network Coordinators at this time

Indications of interest and availability on [this Doodle poll](#).

Enquiries to ADPH Engagement Programme Manager: [teresa.grandi@adph.org.uk](mailto:teresa.grandi@adph.org.uk)

### National Health and Wellbeing Survey – 2-7 year olds

- Public Health Scotland colleagues Debby Wason, Rory Mitchell and others are developing the proposal for a new national survey of the health and wellbeing of 2-7 year olds.

The aim of the survey, targeted at parents and carers via Local Authority stakeholder/lists contacts, is to monitor the impact of COVID-19 and response measures on this age group. It is currently planned for the survey to be repeated several times over the course of this year. Timescales for initial dissemination are anticipated as early next week (week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> May).

An email about the survey, accompanied by a 2-page project plan has been circulated to the SDsPH.

Enquiries to Public Health Intelligence Principal, Public Health Scotland:  
[Rory.Mitchell@nhs.net](mailto:Rory.Mitchell@nhs.net)

## **National Project & Special Interest Group - updates & resources**

### Gambling Related Harms

- ScotPHN is undertaking a project to co-create, implement and evaluate a local action plan to tackle gambling harms in Glasgow. This is a three year pathfinder project funded by the Gambling Commission, which will support the delivery of the National Strategy to Reduce Gambling Harms in Scotland, and which will share learning nationally. Partners include Glasgow City Council, IJB, HSCP, GCPH and University of Glasgow. As covid19 has impacted on the ability to progress this project as planned, and given the potential harms of online gambling exacerbated by lockdown, current activity includes communication and advocacy about the increased opportunity and risk of online gambling. A Glasgow focussed survey will be undertaken over the next week to understand any impact on services.

Enquiries to: [ScotPHN](#)

### National Records of Scotland (NRS) population projections

- 2018 –based population projections for Scottish Areas  
National Records of Scotland (NRS) have recently published 2018-based population projections for **Scottish Areas**, with figures for the years 2018-2043 being available. This follows from last year's release of 2018-based population projections for Scotland. As a result of this, the population projections files have been updated in the directory [\\Isdsf00d03\cl-out\lookups\Unicode\Populations\Projections](#)  
Files have also been uploaded to the [Populations Datamart](#), and [Scottish Health and Social Care Open Data portal](#). Please ensure your syntax is updated accordingly.
- 2019 mid-year estimates for both Council Area and Health Board (with files for Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP))  
Population estimates files have been updated in the directory [\\Isdsf00d03\cl-out\lookups\Unicode\Populations\Estimates](#) and uploaded to [Populations Datamart](#) and the [Scottish Health and Social Care Open Data platform](#).

Enquiries to: Information Services - GPD team [pht.geography@nhs.net](mailto:pht.geography@nhs.net)

Coronavirus and Food in the Community Podcast – NHS Forth Valley

- This podcast gives handwashing and personal hygiene guidance to individuals and volunteers that are shopping and delivering food and medicines to those self-isolating at home.

YouTube Podcast link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ei1rcvu8cLg>

Please feel free to send to colleagues and relevant contacts within local authority and the third sector including community groups / food banks / food larders etc

Enquiries to Health Improvement (Nutrition) Lead, NHS Forth Valley: [r.archibald@nhs.net](mailto:r.archibald@nhs.net)

### Scottish Community Safety Network - Covid19 briefings

SCSN have developed briefings on the potential impacts on Human rights, Domestic Abuse and Drugs and Alcohol and a new and regularly updated [COVID-19 resources webpage](#).

- Safer Communities Scotland [Coronavirus legislation and Human Rights briefing](#)
- Safer Communities Scotland [Coronavirus and Domestic Abuse briefing](#)
- Safer Communities Scotland [Drugs and Alcohol briefing](#)

Enquiries to: [Lorraine.Gillies@scsn.org.uk](mailto:Lorraine.Gillies@scsn.org.uk)

### Children's Parliament Scotland – Children and Young People's Survey

- A survey has been set up for children asking them 'how they are doing?'

The survey aimed at 8-14 year olds attempts to capture the feelings that children are experiencing in the current crisis. The first wave of the survey is now closed, with over 400 children responding and a report in development from Children's Parliament. There are plans for a follow up survey with first wave respondents, to allow for tracking and a second wave of the survey will also be launched on Friday 01 May.

Survey link and info: <https://www.childrensparliament.org.uk/our-work/children-and-coronavirus/>

Enquiries to: [Deborah.wason@nhs.net](mailto:Deborah.wason@nhs.net)

### Obesity Action Scotland – April Newsletter

- See Obesity Action Scotland's latest newsletter which this month, includes their new analysis of available Scottish Primary School menus.

Newsletter link: <https://mailchi.mp/bf7dbccd3add/april-news-4933785?e=622c2c31d8>

## Faculty of Public Health Conference- postponement and new date

- Following the announcement of the postponement of the Faculty of Public Health Annual Conference, new dates are being considered. As things stand, the planned location and venue are likely to remain the same.

The FPH Conference Planning Team will be in contact later on in the year when planning recommences.

Enquiries to Event Co-ordinator: [andrea.janacova@nhs.net](mailto:andrea.janacova@nhs.net)

## **COVID communications**

### Usher Institute University of Edinburgh – COVID webinar series

- To support rapid learning about the emerging evidence on COVID-19, this evidence includes not only what is being gathered, analysed and reported by researchers but also evidence relating to the approaches different countries and inter-governmental organisations have taken to respond to the pandemic. Webinars will be targeted to members of the academic community in the UK and beyond, the public health community in Scotland and further afield, and key decision-makers from a range of sectors.

*Webinar series organisers: Professor Aziz Sheikh, Director of the Usher Institute and Professor Linda Bauld, Bruce and John Usher Chair of Public Health, Usher Institute, University of Edinburgh.*

- [Webinar 1: A systems-level approach to COVID-19 outbreak in Singapore 27 March \(YouTube recording\)](#) Professor Yik Ying Teo, National University of Singapore
- [Webinar 2: Prevention and Treatment of COVID-19: Practical lessons and insights from experiences in China \(YouTube recording\)](#) Professor Tingbo Liang, The First Affiliated Hospital, Zhejiang University School of Medicine
- [Webinar 3: Canada's response to COVID19 \(YouTube recording\)](#) Dr Steven J Hoffman, Scientific Director of the Institute of Population & Public Health at the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and the Director of the Global Strategy Lab and a Professor of Global Health, Law, and Political Science at York University in Canada.
- [Webinar 4: Public health measures to slow the community spread of COVID-19 in Hong Kong \(YouTube recording\)](#) Professor Ben Cowling, Head of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Control, School of Public Health, University of Hong Kong
- [Webinar 5: Test, track, isolate, and treat in South Korea: planning for the next round? \(YouTube recording\)](#) Professor Jerome Kim, Director General, International Vaccine Institute

Enquiries to: [usher.communications@ed.ac.uk](mailto:usher.communications@ed.ac.uk)

**Stay Home, Stay Safe,**

**Public Health Scotland- ScotPHN Team**