



ScotPHN Team Bulletin – 003

Welcome to the third 'ScotPHN team' bulletin. 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.

ScotPHN Team News

ScotPHN email contact addresses:

- As a final gentle reminder (following update in previous bulletins) our generic mailbox addresses have changed. Please update your outlook contacts as follows:
 - Misc ScotPHN correspondence and general enquiries: phs.scotphn@nhs.net
 - Scottish Health Promotion Manager Inbox: phs.shpm@nhs.net
 - Scottish Directors of Public Health Inbox: phs.sdph@nhs.net
 - National Special Interest Groups Inbox: phs.sig@nhs.net

National Leadership Group, Special Interest Group & Project - updates & resources

Knowledge Services and resources for Covid-19

- Public Health Scotland Knowledge Services have been working in partnership with colleagues across NHS Scotland, as well as within PHS, to respond quickly to knowledge and research needs arising from the crisis.

A range of resources, products and services have been developed to support the public health workforce in Scotland. This includes:

- Covid-19 [guidance and resources](#) for Scotland's health and care workforce. There are dedicated sections for public health, economics, PPE/IPC, and health and care management
- A national point of contact for Covid-19 [search and summary requests](#), and a central bank of [completed searches](#)

- [Current awareness](#), including a contact tracing evidence update
- Dedicated knowledge and research support for the PHS covid-19 response, including literature searching, evidence summaries and information management.

For further information, or to request knowledge support for the Covid-19 response, email: phs.knowledge@nhs.net.

Mitigating the wider health effects of covid-19 pandemic response

- Following the recent publication and circulation of the summary report, this full [new report](#) produced by Margaret Douglas, Srinivasa Vittal Katikireddi, Martin Taulbut, Martin McKee and Gerry McCartney is published.

A rapid health impact assessment was completed to identify the potential for broader health impacts arising from physical distancing measures to reduce the transmission of Covid-19. This included using an HIA checklist to identify potential impacts and a rapid, non-systematic, review of relevant data and literature. A summary of the impacts identified and suggested mitigation measures are included.

Read the report: https://www.scotphn.net/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/HIA_social_distancing-LONG-VERSION-final.pdf

Enquiries to - phs.scotphn@hs.net

Public Mental Health Services and response to CoVid-19 Crisis

- The national Public Mental Health Special Interest Group have undertaken a survey to identify the national response to COVID-19 on mental health & wellbeing, with the aim of identifying specific gaps in resources and support around COVID-19.

An interim report with the analysis of the survey results has been undertaken by the PHS, ScotPHN Team.

A follow up survey phase is now also planned. This will include interviews with NHS Boards and partner Organisations. If your Board or Organisation are interested in participating in the interviews, please contact the Public Mental Health Special Interest Group.

The final report will consider additional research / activity in complimentary areas.

Access the interim report now via the [ScotPHN website](#) and/or contact the PMH SIG inbox to request a copy: phs.sig@nhs.net

Parenting and working from home - expert advice

- Scottish Government Building Safer Communities (BSC) have been working with Parent Club, RoSPA and the Child Accident Prevention Trust to provide expert advice to parents of young children who now find themselves juggling working from home with childcare.

Access the advice on staying accident free during lockdown:

<https://www.parentclub.scot/articles/staying-accident-free-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak>

And access a wide range of advice and supports from the BSC Harm and Injury Hub:

<https://harmandinjuryhub.scot/news/keeping-well-at-home-a-guide-for-older-people>

Minimum Unit Pricing (MUP) Report Publication

- A new MUP report this week 'evaluating the impact of alcohol minimum unit pricing in Scotland: Observational study of small retailers report'. The report is now available alongside the original NHS Health Scotland briefing.

Access the [briefing paper](#) and new [report](#) now.

Gypsy/Traveller COVID Response Group

- Scotland's Gypsy/Travellers face particular risks due to COVID; these risks can be especially high for people living on camps and roadside. Therefore Scotland's Gypsy/Traveller COVID Response Group wondered if each NHS Board could identify a lead for Gypsy/Travellers? Ideally this would be someone who Travellers or Site Liaison Officers could invite to camps or roadsides to provide the community with up to date information about COVID, public health messages and details about Test & Protect. We know that some boards already have Nurses or Health Promotion Specialists with responsibility for supporting the health and well-being of Gypsy/Travellers. Support for those undertaking this role can be provided by Kate Burton, ScotPHN Public Health Practitioner.

For any more information, email kate.burton@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk

Gypsy, Roma, Traveller History Month

- Gypsy, Roma, Traveller History Month recognises the history and celebrates the cultures, traditions and contributions of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities in Scotland and elsewhere in the UK. Gypsy, Roma, Traveller History Month is a national event with endorsement from the Scottish Government.

You can support by downloading the poster and either taking a selfie or doing a short audio clip with the poster to tweet, or share on other social media platforms. N.B. remember to tag @migrationscot and @cosla.

Participate now: https://www.article12.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/GRTHM_Support_Cards.png

Enquiries to: **Dominique Barr**, Policy and Participation Officer, Migration, Population and Diversity Team, COSLA - dominique@cosla.gov.uk

Cycling Scotland - Cycle Friendly Employer Fund

- A variation of the Cycling Friendly Employer fund is now available to support NHS workers including low wage and CV19 temporary contract workers to access bikes and locks using the existing Cycle to Work platform.

Health boards are invited to apply for a grant up to £15,000 for distribution to staff through existing Cyclescheme CTW portal.

Two grant offers are available:

- A certificate for a sold secure lock (up to £60) from Cyclescheme partner retailers for staff who apply for and are eligible for a bike with Cyclescheme Cycle To Work (i.e. with permanent contract)
- A certificate for a bike (up to value of £500) for staff with temporary contracts to meet CV19 healthcare activity or staff who are not eligible for CTW due to being on national minimum wage and affordability criteria set by health boards

Details on the fund will be available shortly on the [Cycling Scotland website](#).

All enquiries to: CyclingFriendly@cycling.scot

National Records for Scotland (NRS) Scottish Postcode Directory 2020_1 / Boundary Guidance

- National Records of Scotland (NRS) have recently released the 2020_1 Scottish Postcode Directory (SPD). Some specific geography lookup files on cl-out ([\\Isdsf00d03\cl-out\lookups\Unicode\Geography\Scottish Postcode Directory](#)) have been updated.

NRS have also updated information about 2018 and 2019 boundary changes and how to use each version within your analysis. They have produced a brief guidance document detailing when to use each geography version appropriately and also updated the [HSCP Locality](#) lookup files to correct some Health Board names by adding an NHS prefix, e.g. NHS Highland.

For further information on NRS updates, email Public Health Scotland - Geography, Population and Deprivation (GPD) Team: <http://isdscotland.org/Products-and-Services/GPD-Support/>

Association of Directors of Public Health News

- The Association of Directors of Public Health circulate regular news updates. Find the May 2020 updates from ADPH here: <https://mailchi.mp/a21f9d9e3e32/adph-brieph?e=9d13baa341>

Enquiries to ADPH: Teresa.grandi@adph.org.uk

Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme: changes can help us all stay afloat

- In his recent blog Mike Hawking, JRF's Policy and Partnerships Manager, discusses the UK Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and how the next steps must balance the need to support people back to work safely, and maintain an anchor that protects those who can't from being swept into poverty.

[Read the JRF blog](#)

Virtual Sessions

Usher Institute COVID-19 webinar #11

- Isaric and COVID-19: The International Severe Acute Respiratory and emerging Infection Consortium's work to accelerate outbreak research and response
Friday 5 June, 10:00-11:00 (UK)

[REGISTER to join live via Zoom Webinar](#) or for follow up: <https://youtu.be/ItaRvi8tBZQ>

Stay Safe,

Public Health Scotland- ScotPHN Team