



ScotPHN Team Bulletin – 006

Welcome to the sixth '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.

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

Scottish COVID-19 Contact Tracing Programme

Weekly updates are now available from the Tracing Programme. Further information can be found on the [PHS website](#) or to receive weekly, Monday updates, contact PHS.COVID-19ContactTracingProgramme@nhs.net

Re-opening schools

Joint position statement and supporting SBAR from PHS and the SDsPH available on the ScotPHN website:

[Position statement](#)

[SBAR on re-opening schools](#)

Poverty and Inequality Commission- free school meal provision during the COVID-19 crisis

The [Poverty and Inequality Commission](#) have published their report on Free School Meal provision during lockdown. The report is based on the first two months of lockdown and recommends ensuring that families who are newly eligible for free school meals receive the alternative support available and that the Scottish Government set a national minimum standard for alternative free school meal provision for periods when schools are closed.

- Read the report: <https://povertyinequality.scot/publication/free-school-meal-provision-during-the-covid-19-crisis/>

Local action to tackle food insecurity during the coronavirus crisis

The Scottish Poverty & Inequality Research Unit (SPIRU) carried out a survey of community organisations across Scotland and commissioners visited community projects speaking to workers and volunteers.

- Read [the SPIRU survey findings](#)
- Read [The Poverty & Inequality Commission's response and recommendations](#)

'Food Power' Event report - Sustain

Sustain hosted a 'Food Power' gathering of around 100 organisations from across the UK to distil learning on the response to food vulnerability by the community food sector to Covid-19.

- Read the short event [report](#) and [blog](#)

Updated - COVID-19 Framework for Local Decision Making on Gypsy/Traveller Support

The framework to support Local Authorities and their partners in local decision making about support for Gypsy/Travellers during the Covid 19 lockdown was first published on 7 April. The updated version (Version 4 Test and Protect – June 2020) provides revised information for the renewal period.

- Access [the updated framework](#)

The Right Foundations – new CHEX briefing

What if we applied the same principles behind our response to coronavirus to tackling health inequalities and climate change?

That's key question behind our new briefing on building a just and sustainable country after coronavirus. CHEX argue that by building on the fantastic community-led response to Covid-19 and by making use of great ways for everyone to take part (e.g. citizens assemblies) we can build a more just and sustainable country which really begins to tackle long-term health inequalities.

- Read [The Right Foundations briefing](#)

Plastic Free July- Global Movement

#PlasticFreeJuly is a movement that helps millions of people be part of the solution to plastic pollution so we can have cleaner streets, oceans, & communities.

The website is full of ideas & tips on how we can reduce plastic waste.

- Visit the [Plastic Free July website](#)

Virtual Sessions

Shaping a Recovery that Reduces Poverty - Joseph Rowntree Foundation

This economic discussion forms part of a series on 'Shaping a Recovery that Reduces Poverty' from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation. It will outline the economic case for ramping up the reforms started before Covid-19 to tackle insecure work.

Chaired by Ben Chu, The Independent's Economics Editor, Rebecca McDonald, Senior Economist at JRF will be joined by Gavin Kelly, Chair of the Resolution Foundation and Martin Sandbu, European Economics Commentator at the Financial Times, to discuss how more secure work should play an important role in securing a strong economic recovery that benefits those trapped in poverty.

Date: July 21 2020

Time: 11:00

Channel: Zoom

- Register to join the webinar now:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nLNrCsz_REuYayKlo36bsQ

Obesity Action Scotland and Public Health Scotland webinar recording

[Obesity Action Scotland](#) and PHS hosted a [webinar](#) on a whole system approach to involving communities in work on food, diet and health weight. A recording of the webinar is now available to watch.

Access the webinar recording: <https://www.obesityactionsotland.org/whole-system-approach/>

The Food Foundation- new report

The Food Foundation - food insecurity in households with children has doubled compared with this time last year.

Their new report assesses what progress has been made to tackle children's food insecurity over the last year, and identifies the most urgent priorities for policy-makers and parliamentarians.

Last year 15 food ambassadors (aged 10-18 years) led the [Children's Future Food Inquiry](#), sharing experiences of food poverty with parliamentarians. One year on, and Covid-19 has shone a spotlight on the continued struggle.

Report launch details: ‘*A Year of Children’s Food: A Progress Review of Policy on Children’s Food and Nutrition Across the Found UK Nations 2019-2020*’ will be published on Monday 13th July and available on the [Food Foundation](#) website.

Live webinar: Wednesday 15 July

Time: 10-11am

Channel: Zoom Webinar

- Register [here](#)

Voluntary Health Scotland – Forthcoming Events

Details about future events can be found on [VHS website](#).

- Queries to – [Lauren Blair, VHS](#).

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