

## **ScotPHN Team Bulletin – 018**

Welcome to the eighteenth 'ScotPHN team' bulletin.

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

### **Key National Covid-19 updates:**

#### **Public Health Scotland (PHS) Covid-19 Dashboards**

Public Health Scotland continue to regularly update Covid-19 data and intelligence

- Access the data and intelligence via the PHS [dashboards](#).

#### **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@phs.scot](mailto:PHS.COVID-19ContactTracingProgramme@phs.scot)

### **ScotPHN Networks**

#### **Scottish Health and Inequalities Impact Assessment Network (SHIAN)**

June 2021 marked the 20<sup>th</sup> year of SHIAN. In celebration of this, SHIAN is publishing a series of blogs. The first by its chair, Margaret Douglas (University of Edinburgh), and the second from Hilary Thompson (MRC/CSO Social & Public Health Sciences Unit/University of Glasgow). A timeline of HIA in Scotland is also available to download.

- [Access blogs here](#) to get to know the people behind the marvelous achievement that is two decades of seeking to reducing health inequalities and improving outcomes for Scotland's population.

### **Further Public Health Updates**

#### **Scottish Government Publication – Outdoor Recreation**

The Scottish Government have published a report to present the findings and analysis from research into outdoor recreation. 'Outdoor recreation - understanding

the drivers of participation: research' explored the motivation to participate in outdoor recreation amongst Scottish adults, via telephone interviews and a diary app.

- [Access to full report here](#)

#### Cross Organisational Publication – Nature-based Solutions

'The Improvement Service has joined together with [COSLA](#), [NatureScot](#) and the [Sustainable Scotland Network](#) to develop awareness of the potential of Nature-based Solutions (NbS).'

Nature based solutions harness and utilise nature to find solutions for multiple outcomes from public health, climate change, communities to navigating a green COVID recovery.

- [Access the briefing here](#)

#### National Lottery Heritage Fund Publication

'Parks for People: why should we invest in parks?' a newly published report exploring the importance of parks and ongoing support required through case studies and evidence from the Parks for People programme.

- [Read the full report here](#)

#### Update on Suicide Prevention Action Plan

The Scottish Government have confirmed that the Suicide Prevention Action Plan will be extended until August 2022, with additional funds being made available to support this through the Scottish Government's Mental Health Recovery and Renewal Fund.

- [Access more information here](#)

#### United To Prevent Suicide - Raising awareness of, and taking action to support, suicide prevention

Delivery of the Suicide Prevention Action Plan aims to support further awareness of suicide prevention across Scotland. The United to Prevent Suicide social movement, together with the first campaign, launched last September ([www.unitedtopreventsuicide.org.uk](http://www.unitedtopreventsuicide.org.uk)). The campaign update below outlines three further pieces of work being developed to increase the representation and participation of men and younger people in the campaign and movement.

- [Access the July 2021 campaign update here](#)

If you have any queries or thoughts meantime, please get in touch at:  
[enquiries@unitedtopreventsuicide.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@unitedtopreventsuicide.org.uk)

### Children in Scotland

'Involve us in decisions about our education': OECD report findings include core message from young people. Children in Scotland has published an article discussing the OECD report on Scotland's Curriculum for Excellence alongside the views of Scotland's young people on education and assessment.

- [Access the full article here](#)

### Scottish Government Publication – Tackling Child Poverty

Every child, every chance: tackling child poverty delivery plan 2018-2022 – The third year progress report, 2020-2021, has been published.

- [Access publication here](#)

### Poverty and Inequality Commission

A Child Poverty Scrutiny report, published by the Poverty and Inequality Commission, details advice to the Scottish Government's third annual Child Poverty progress report (see above).

- [Access the report here](#)

### Supporting Care Experienced Young People

The Promise Partnership Fund has been extended to 2024-25, with £4 million a year pledged to help support young people currently in care, on the edge of care with families requiring support also included. The fund is open to public, private and third sector organisations.

In addition to this extension, The Change Programme has been published, which details what is required to improve the lives of care experienced young people.

- [Further details of both can be found here](#)

### The pandemic: Under Three's and Their Families – Blog post

Clare Simpson, Parenting Across Scotland, has written a blog outlining the support that under three's and their families need post pandemic.

“When the pandemic struck, and lockdown meant that parents and their children were forced to stay at home, I was struck by how, what had seemed like a cliché, ‘It takes a village to raise a child’, acquired new meaning. Every parent or carer needs help and support with parenting at some point, especially in the early days of their child’s life.”

- [Access the blog here](#)

### UK Public Health Network – Blog posts

In May 2021 the UK Public Health Network ran a Twitter campaign focusing on five key themes of public health and how to create a ‘better normal’ as part of the recovery from the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The five themes were:

- Health Inequalities;
- Public Health Investment;
- Air Pollution;
- Active Travel; and
- Rough Sleepers.

- [Access all five of the blogs here](#)

## **Virtual Events and Campaigns**

### 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 – What can we learn from NASA about leadership? – 29/07/21

‘The natural career progression within health and care is to one of leadership, but what makes a good leader?’

Join us for this interactive session and hear directly from [JD Polk, Chief Health & Medical Officer](#) & [Nigel Packham, Director of Safety and Mission Assurance](#) within the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) about their leadership journeys and what they have learned along the way.’

- [More information and registration here](#)

### PHE & COP26 Unit Panel Discussions; from 12/07/21 – 13/12/21

‘PHE Climate Change, Health, and the 2030 Agenda

Public Health England and the COP26 Unit will host a series of panel discussions monthly from July to December exploring horizon questions for climate change impacts and responses within the health sector. Each panel will include an academic researcher and representatives from policy and practice. The first session will focus on inequalities, followed by sessions on nutrition, infectious diseases, disasters, mental health, and climate resilience within health systems.'

- [Further info and registration here](#)

### Glasgow City Council – Virtual Summit on Tackling Gambling Harm in the New Normal – 13&14/9/21

Glasgow City Council, supported by Public Health Scotland (ScotPHN team) and the Gambling Commission, will hold a virtual summit to bring together people with lived experience of gambling harms with experts in practice, research and policy to share knowledge, insights and ideas on tackling gambling harms in a world adapting to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. A call to hold workshops or fringe events has been issued (deadline for applications 13 August 2021). For further details and to register, use this link:

[Gambling Summit Link](#)

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