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COVID-19 Health Impact Assessment

General feeling that the key areas of focus and impacts presented were a representative reflection for all partners in the workshop.

What have been the main impacts on your population/area?

- Mental health concerns – including ‘low level’ mental ill health concerns, carers, work force
- Housing - policy impacts on homelessness – districts have seen increased numbers of transient families and sofa surfers requiring housing support and are in addition to those who are street homeless. This will require years of work and resources. Housing debt increases also driving housing problems
- Trauma - Long term service user outcomes – quality of life – mental and physical health and safety. Also need to think about suicide prevention (suicide rate quadrupled amongst people exposed to domestic abuse nationally) in workplace policies and mental health services for prison health
- Inactive lifestyles have grown– links to physical and mental health. Increases in obesity
- Empowerment of people to measure and report long term condition reviews e.g., oximetry@home and BP@home however a huge upturn in anxiousness with inability to make decisions about simple illness - imbalance of public expectation of need versus clinicians' advice
- Fire and Rescue: Staff absence and providing staff resource to the pandemic response such as vaccination centers, driving ambulances, working in ICU wards which had had an adverse impact on their primary employment
- The long-term fatigue around the changing profile of the virus on the work and home environment and how this impacts on mental health of colleagues.
- Impact of Long COVID in staff is a concern for all workforces

Which key areas of focus are most important to you and what role can you play to support these?

- Increasing inequalities in a range of health outcomes previously not known.
- Social isolation – including children and young people, role of digital exclusion and this potentially exacerbating social isolation due to online nature of services, reliance on phones to contact services excluding those on expensive ‘pay as you go’ contracts.
- Deconditioning in elderly with increase diagnosis of dementia or memory loss. Mobility problems exacerbated by deconditioning still waiting for review due to backlog of elective care
- Economic impact specifically on young people and pensioners

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Health Index and Global Burden of Disease Presentation and JSNA Chapters Scope

What are the local priorities for population health? Which should be included in the Healthy People and Healthy Lives chapters?

- Life course approach: reports need to include data for children and young people as well as adult populations
- Capitalise on the increased community resilience – asset mapping to identify community groups and volunteers conducted by district colleagues– although recognition this has declined more recently
- The stratification of risk which factors the three elements of people, lives and places is similar to the Person-Centered Approach the National Fire Chief's Council have adopted with eight areas of vulnerability which consider the three areas of person, home and behaviours.
- Modifiable behaviours data, smoking particularly smoking in pregnancy, physical activity, healthy weight
- Risk factor data – high blood pressure, high cholesterol

Are there areas which require more detailed reports to be undertaken?

- More detailed data on ethnic minority groups
- Insight into what local communities feel is important - examples from local people/ neighbourhoods on what it looks and feels like living in these places
- Healthcare access for people who are not registered with a GP and those digitally and financially excluded from online and telephone services
- Data on quality of housing as well as on demographics of those more likely to experience homelessness / unstable housing.

Next Steps

- JSNA will be a data resource for partners to use to inform their planning and priorities. Public Health recommend that a second JSNA workshop in the new year is held. This will be a practical workshop to introduce and explain the new data resources that have been developed.