



## HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD PAPER FORMAL PUBLIC MEETING

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**Report of:** Greg Fell

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**Subject:** Covid-19 Rapid Health Impact Assessment

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### **Summary:**

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### **Questions for the Health and Wellbeing Board:**

Do the Board have any comments on the proposed approach to guide development of the work?

### **Recommendations for the Health and Wellbeing Board:**

The Board are asked to:

- Note the intended approach to producing a Rapid Health Impact Assessment in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic;
- Provide feedback on the intended approach;
- Receive the output from the work at a future Board meeting.

### **Background Papers:**

- *The Health Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic in Sheffield Rapid Health Impact Assessment - Framework and Guidance for Contributors*
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**Which of the ambitions in the Health & Wellbeing Strategy does this help to deliver?**

This addresses the issue of health inequalities in general.

**Who has contributed to this paper?**

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# **COVID-19 RAPID HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

## **1.0 SUMMARY**

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## **2.0 HOW DOES THIS IMPACT ON HEALTH INEQUALITIES IN SHEFFIELD?**

2.1 Covid-19 and the actions taken in response to it will have long-term effects on people's health in addition to their current experiences. Those impacts are disproportionately spread across Sheffield's population. Recording and formally recognising them (quantifying if possible), is vital if we are to be successful in mitigating the detrimental effects and building on the positive.

## **3.0 OUR APPROACH TO RAPID HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

3.1 The appended framework and guidance document provides more detail on the approach being taken to develop this work; the key points of this are as follows:

- Underpinned by the view that communities in Sheffield have shown incredible levels of resilience during this pandemic and that the central purpose for conducting this assessment is not to quantify an assumed surge in demand for 'business as usual', but to identify and target mitigating and preventive actions and interventions that will strengthen communities;
- The end product of the rapid HIA project will be comprised of a number of chapters, each of these a 'mini-HIA' on a specific theme, raised as an area of concern by partners across the city;
- Each HIA chapter will be produced by an individual task and finish group, following the outline framework;
- Task and finish groups will comprise a small number of individuals with knowledge and expertise on the given theme, supported Public Health staff and a Steering Group.

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## **5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

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