

The Impact on Health & Wellbeing in Sheffield of the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent societal response to it

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Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny
& Policy Development Committee

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The question

What is the evidence telling us about Covid-19 and inequalities in health, and what are Sheffield City Council doing/planning to do about it in the short, medium and long-term?

Background

- Pandemic
- Demography and inequalities in Sheffield
- Purpose of HIAs
 - Agreed by H&WB board in June
 - Provide and evidence base for recovery activities
 - Understand and document experience in order to mitigate against worst effects of second and subsequent waves

Themes

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Domestic & sexual
abuse

Access to healthcare

Mental health

Employment

Access to social care

BAME communities

Health Behaviours

Housing

Loneliness & social
isolation

Education

End of life

Income and poverty

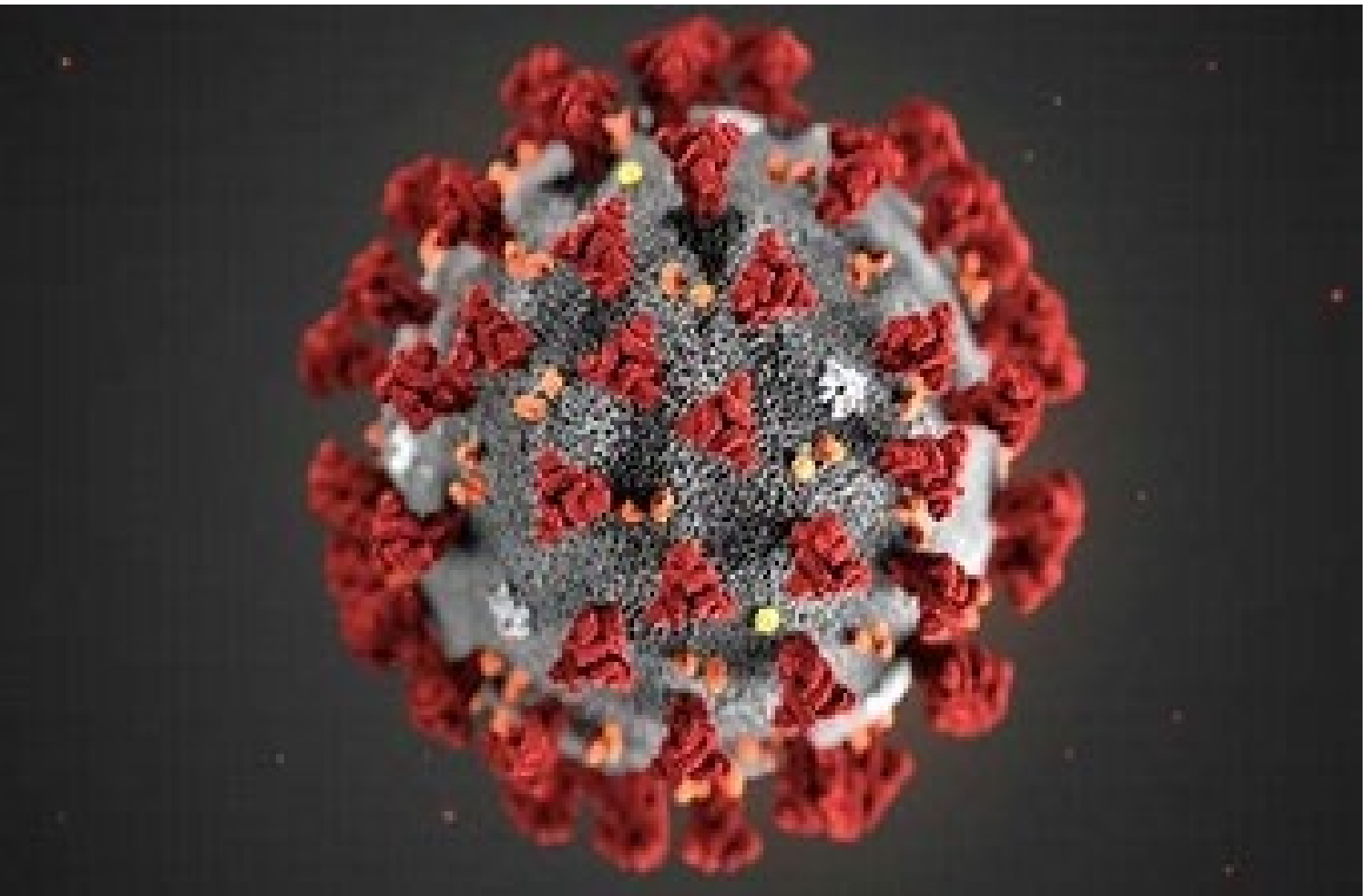
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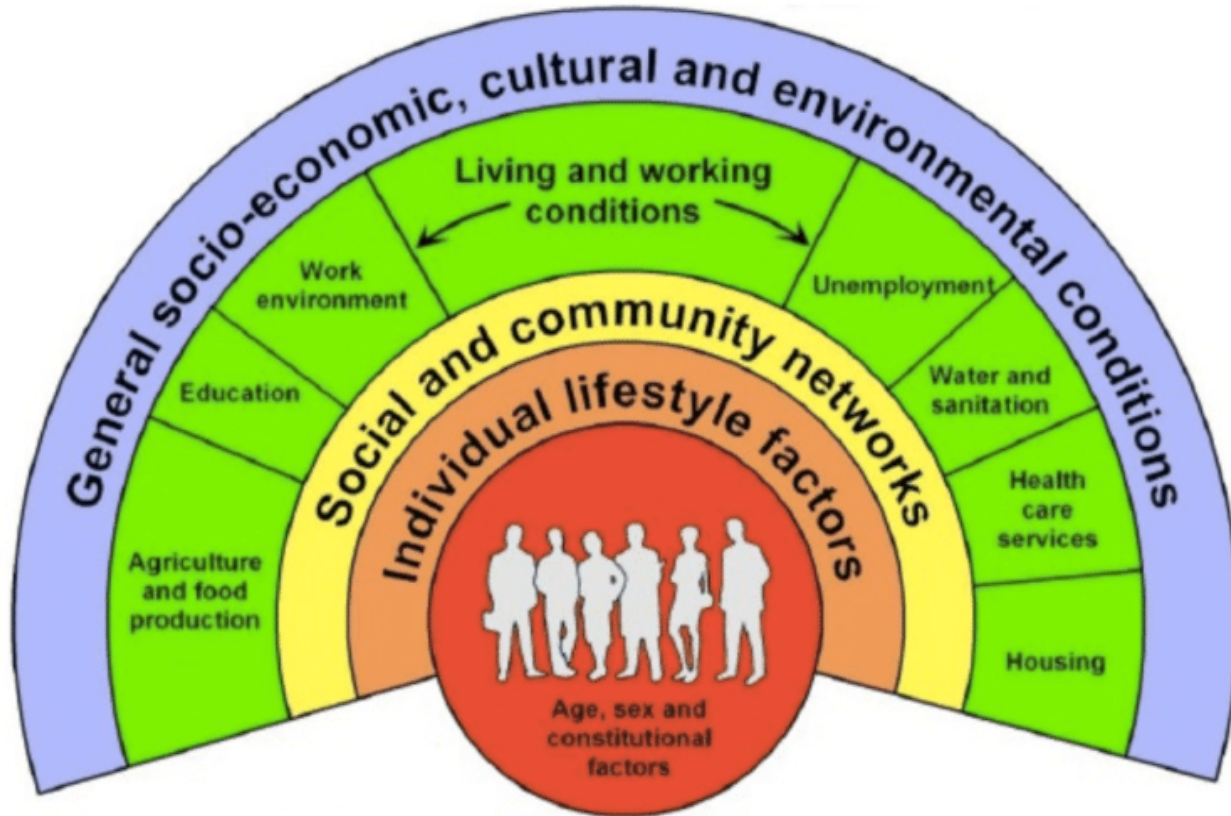
Long-Covid

(Dental Health)

Crosscutting themes

- Inequalities
- Neighbourhood & communities
- Digital inclusivity
- Mental Health
- Access to health & care
- Employment & poverty
- Comms & engagement





Source: Dahlgren and Whitehead, 1991

Key points

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- Covid-19 has shone a light on inequalities
- Our most vulnerable communities are:
 - More likely to become infected
 - More likely to die
 - More adversely impacted by 'lockdown'

“We are not all in the same boat. We are all in the same storm. Some are on super-yachts. Some have just the one oar.”

– Damian Barr

103 recommendations made to H&WBB

Response:

1. Notes the impact on health and wellbeing identified in the RHIA's
2. Notes the recommendations made by practitioners in the field and those contributing to the RHIA
3. Note the action taken already in response to the pandemic, which have been identified in the RHIA
4. Commits to considering those recommendations as part of our approach to implementing the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and give due consideration to whether any of the 9 objectives outlined within the strategy need modifying in the future in response to the learning from the RHIA. This ties in to the learning produced during the summer workshops with respect to: learning from the crisis response; new opportunities; new challenges and the changing context; and the strategic role of the Board
5. Commits to sharing the recommendations with partners (some of whom may sit outside the immediate sphere of influence of the Board)
6. In relation to point 5 above, commits to receiving ongoing feedback from/engaging in dialogue with partners regarding those recommendations

