CHILDREN

A safe return to schools

In the weeks following the full re-opening of schools, COVID-19 outbreaks linked to school settings and cases among school age cohorts have remained low and broadly reflected what is happening in the wider community. This blog looks at the work happening on COVID-19 to keep schools safe, including testing and how we monitor the data.

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AGE FRIENDLY

Pandemic Pressures: How Greater Manchester equalities organisations have responded to the needs of older people during the Covid-19 crisis

This report summarises research into how GM equalities organisations have responded to the needs of older people during the pandemic. The report and supporting briefing highlight a number of recommendations for commissioners, funders and contractors to contribute to future emergency planning and responses.

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Living longer: Evidence cards

The Centre for Ageing Better has launched a new set of downloadable evidence cards about living longer to help professionals better understand the evidence base and opportunities around demographic changes and trends. They might be helpful for developing a strategy that references ageing or a local authority understanding their priorities through an ageing lens.

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MENTAL HEALTH

Do suicide awareness campaigns reduce stigma and increase help-seeking?

Public awareness campaigns are widely used to improve awareness and fight stigma towards suicide. However, there is a lack of research on the impact of suicide prevention campaigns. This blog post reviews a study on the impact of suicide awareness campaigns on stigma and help-seeking.

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DIGITAL INEQUALITIES

On Digital Inequalities

The pandemic has exposed a widening gap in our society, with 9 million adults in the UK unable use the internet without help and 3.8 million people having never used the internet. The articles in this publication put forward recommendations to policy-makers on how we might be able to address and reduce the inequalities we are seeing in the digital space.

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SMOKING

Make smoking history: getting back on track to eliminate smoking after the pandemic

As part of its public health and prevention series, Future Health has published this report that looks at the impact of the pandemic on smoking rates in England.

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