

## COVID & Recovery HITs Round up

### Include COVID paper

Dear HIT Leadership teams,

We hope you and your families are all keeping well.

Welcome to our COVID HITs round-up providing you with **COVID-19 information relevant to HITs**.

All the information below will be posted on the BHP website – if you don't have time to read this email now then you can **bookmark the link below so you can easily find it when you do have time**.

<https://www.bristolhealthpartners.org.uk/covid-19-response/covid-19-hits-round-ups/>

Links to relevant sections below:

- [Join one of our HITs COVID-19 online meetings via Zoom](#)
- [External funding opportunities](#)
- [Evidence and evaluation](#)
- [Achievements](#)
- [Support and information](#)

### [Join one of our HITs COVID-19 online meetings via Zoom](#)

We have set up **1-hour online Zoom meetings for HIT leadership teams every two weeks** so that you can share new initiatives and tips for good practice, have an informal Q&A and discuss support from the core team that would help with your HIT work at this time. Please let us know if you have a suggestion for a meeting theme.

Each meeting will be chaired by one of our Senior Project Managers and other team members will join when possible. We suggest that you delegate one or two of your members to join the meetings to share information and ask questions on behalf of your HIT. **PPI members can claim back the cost of any phone calls using the UHBW expenses claim form and by providing a 'snap shot/scan' of the relevant section of their phone bill.**

The next details of the meeting are below:

- Thurs 18 June 1030-1130am join Zoom Meeting from your computer or smart phone using this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84966212280> Meeting ID: 849 6621 2280  
You can dial in using any of the numbers from a landline as UK landline rates, more for mobiles tel: 0131 460 1196 tel: 0203 051 2874 tel: 0203 481 5237 tel: 0203 481 5240

### **External funding**

The Health Foundation has launched the [COVID-19 Research Programme](#) inviting researchers to submit proposals for research that seeks to understand the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in two distinct areas. UK-focused projects that explore:

- How health and social care service delivery has changed in light of COVID-19.
- The impact of COVID-19 on health inequalities and the wider determinants of health.

Projects to apply for funding of between **£100k - £200k** per project for a duration of **up to 12 months** (including set-up time).

The COVID-19 Research Programme will remain open for applications on a rolling basis. We anticipate closing the programme for applications in September but reserve the right to close early should we receive a high volume of applications.

### **Mental Health Highlight Notice**

NIHR and UKRI have added a new mental health highlight notice to their [COVID-19 Rapid Response Rolling call](#). This is for research proposals with potential for significant public mental health impact within 12 months, specifically encouraging proposals focusing on preventative approaches and interventions.

The aim is to reduce the emergence of new, and exacerbation of existing, mental health problems, and to improve outcomes for people whose mental health has already been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Further information about the highlight notice is available [here](#):

Applicants must apply by first completing the [NIHR form for prioritising COVID-19 studies](#). Applicants requiring funding should then follow the link to the full funding application form and submit this by **9am on 22 June 2020**. Please contact [Jacqui.oakley@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:Jacqui.oakley@bristol.ac.uk) or [zoe.holland@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:zoe.holland@bristol.ac.uk) if you are interested in applying to this call who will work with you for a rapid submission.

## **Survey**

### [New Covid-19 Vaccine trial has started in Bristol](#)

We thought that you would like to know that a new covid-19 vaccine trial has begun in Bristol. Led by the University of Oxford, researchers at North Bristol NHS Trust, University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust (UHBW) and the University of Bristol are set to begin a new phase of trials of a vaccine pioneered in the UK which could protect against COVID-19.

If you are between 56 and 69, in good health and live in a BS1-BS49 postcode area you could be eligible to participate.

Further details about this trial and how to sign up can be found on the Bristol link here. Please rease the Participant Information sheet for your age group: <https://covid19vaccinetrial.co.uk/participate-bristol>

We are only asking people to take part in Group 4.

You cannot take part if:

- You have tested positive for COVID-19
- You are pregnant, intending to become pregnant, or breastfeeding during the study
- Have previously taken part in a trial with an adenoviral vaccine or received any other coronavirus vaccines.

## **Evidence and evaluation**

Please find attached a summary of the HITs COVID activity.

The Red Cross has published maps which aggregate data about different neighbourhoods vulnerability going into COVID19. You can find details here:

<https://britishredcrossociety.github.io/covid-19-vulnerability/>

Cochrane have added some more COVID related readable, clinically-focused, actionable answers to inform point-of-care decision-making for health professionals;

<https://www.cochrane.org/news/cochrane-clinical-answers-related-covid-19>

## **Achievement**

Congratulations to Marcus Grant from SHINE HIT on the release of the WHO/UN Sourcebook: Integrating health into urban and territorial planning. This is a project Marcus has been working on for the past two years. It is great to see UN-Habitat and the WHO collaborating on this important piece of work.

## **Support and information**

### [The Impact of Covid-19 on Working Relationships](#)

The King's Fund have produced a thought-provoking blog about the impact of the Covid19 pandemic on working relationships, which explores topics such as:

- Damage to collaborative working and team relationships as a consequence of the shift to command-and-control leadership
- A sense of rejection and worthlessness felt by some individuals and specialisms about being redeployed, furloughed or held at home until Covid-19 recedes
- The loss of voice experienced by some groups

You can read it here: <https://bit.ly/3gRSzaS>

### **Electronic Repeat Dispensing Webinars:**

From 25 June to 16 July, the West of England and South West AHSNs are hosting a [series of free learning](#) sessions to help ease prescribing workload: making the most of electronic repeat dispensing (eRD). The sessions are suitable for General Practice: Doctors, Nurse Prescribers, Specialist Prescribers, Practice Managers, Practice Pharmacists, Prescription Clerk, PCN Pharmacists. Each session, a maximum of 1 hour over a lunchtime period and will feature interactive live streamed learning and Q&A. Please contact us via [ps@weahsn.net](mailto:ps@weahsn.net) if you have any questions.

## **Resources for designing virtual workshops and events**

[NHS Horizons: Top tips for virtual meetings and events](#)

[The Design Council: The quest of turning an event from physical to digital](#)

[Running remote meetings and workshops in Miro](#)

**Potential Bristol City Council training:** ‘Bristol City Council Public Health is looking at offering free two-hour training, via Zoom, on ‘Promoting positive mental health during COVID-19’. It will cover mental health awareness, coping techniques for anxiety and low mood during COVID-19, listening skills, and signposting for further support. The course is being developed and anyone who is interested should contact [mark.allen@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:mark.allen@bristol.gov.uk) to express their interest”