

Dear HIT Leadership Teams,

We hope you and your families are all keeping well

Welcome to our 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:

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BHP HIT Virtual Conference

This year's conference will be delivered as a series of online events looking at the how COVID-19 has prompted us to take fast and decisive action to adapt and change how we live and work. We will also be sharing news about our Academic Health Science Centre designation and looking back on the incredible achievements of our HITs.

We are keen for members from every HIT to join us for sessions on **Monday 28 September through to Thursday 1 October**. See attached programme.

[Please register to select tickets for sessions](#). **You are welcome to attend all sessions.**

Please **share the conference registration link below with your networks**. They are most welcome to attend the conference sessions on 28 Sept and 1 October, but we need to limit sessions we are holding on 29 and 30 September to HIT members.

[HIT Conference registration](#) (for your networks)

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.

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 details of forthcoming meetings are below:

- **Thurs 10 Sept 10.00-11.00** - Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81903130535> Meeting ID: 819 0313 0535
 Dial in using any of these numbers tel: 0131 460 1196 tel: 0203 051 2874 tel: 0203 481 5237 tel: 0203 481 5240 tel: 203 901 7895
- **Wed 7 October 1130-1230** Join Zoom
 Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87674602120> Meeting ID: 876 7460 2120
 Dial in using any of these numbers tel: 0131 460 1196 tel: 0203 051 2874 tel: 0203 481 5237 tel: 0203 481 5240 tel: 203 901 7895
- **Thurs 22 October 12.00-13.00** Join Zoom
 Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88494860243> Meeting ID: 884 9486 0243
 Dial in using any of these numbers tel: 0131 460 1196 tel: 0203 051 2874 tel: 0203 481 5237 tel: 0203 481 5240 tel: 203 901 7895

Adoption and spread guidance

In collaboration with the West of England Academic Health Science Network (WEAHSN), we have created a guide to help you successfully spread innovations and improvements developed by your HIT. The guidance looks at ways of overcoming the numerous challenges that face HITs when trying to ensure their work is adopted, sustained, and rolled out by service providers and commissioners. We hope you will find the guidance useful when planning innovation or improvement projects and particularly when thinking about your HIT Resourcing Applications. **The guidance is attached** and will be available on both the Bristol Health Partners and WEAHSN websites, and in the HIT Operational Guide.

Events

Monday 5th to Friday 9th October - Bristol and South Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Boards are hosting a joint Virtual Conference Week to explore working with families. It is free to attend as many sessions as you like. Please **see attached flyer** and register [here](#).

Health Foundation Webinar 24 September: Overcoming short-termism after COVID-19: how can policy makers better prepare for the future? You can register [here](#).

Support & information

BHP – CCG catch-ups

The Bristol Health Partners core team has regular catch-ups with Bristol North Somerset and South Glos CCG colleagues. These meetings are a great chance to learn about CCG projects and programmes and connect relevant work from the HITs. If you have any issues or questions that you would like us to raise at these meetings, please email oliver.watson@bristol.ac.uk

Finding public contributors - If you have an opportunity that you would like to advertise to public contributors, or if you are reporting back on a project that you think would be of interest to a wide audience, please send material to People in Health West of England for their 'Newsflash'.

Deadline for September Newsflash if possible, all ideas by Thursday 17th September. Next Newsflash will be 13th November, deadline being 12th November.

Bristol Director of Public Health Annual Report 2019-20

This [Investing in Bristol's Mental Wealth report](#) focusses on the concept of 'mental wealth', what this means for Bristol and sets out a series of recommendations for investing in mental wealth in a way that everyone can benefit. The report also gives some consideration to the impact of coronavirus on the city's residents and communities.

Request to facilitate collaboration with a UK academic.

Dr Stéphane Bouchoucha at the School of Nursing and Midwifery, Deakin University, Melbourne, is running a study in conjunction with Singapore, entitled: "Evaluation of pandemic planning, response and experience during the COVID19 pandemic: An organisational case study." In each country, there will be a questionnaire for healthcare staff about the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) during Covid-19, and follow-up interviews with nurses/midwives/managers.

Dr. Bouchoucha is looking for a UK collaborator to administer a nationwide questionnaire in this country for comparison. Unfortunately, there is no funding currently attached to this. If anyone is interested in finding out more about collaborating they can contact Dr Bouchoucha directly for more information here: s.bouchoucha@deakin.edu.au.

This is Dr. Bouchoucha's profile: <https://www.deakin.edu.au/about-deakin/people/stephane-bouchoucha>.

The impact of COVID-19 on black, Asian and minority ethnic communities report concludes that the risk of death from COVID-19 is generally higher amongst black, Asian and ethnic minority (BAME) communities than white British people and appears to be due to a complex mixture of factors, and no one factor alone can explain all of the difference. Contributing factors include, in no particular order: being poorer, where people live, overcrowded housing, types of job, other illnesses, and access to health services. The report includes policy recommendations – see attached pdf

The CCG has produced [a series of COVID-19 information videos](#) in 10 different languages.