



## Local Knowledge and Intelligence Service London

# Intelligence Update – August and September 2021

## Welcome

Welcome to the Intelligence Update for August and September 2021 for the London Knowledge and Intelligence Network. This document provides you with updates about Public Health England (PHE) tools and resources, together with key points for London, and news of publications and events. We welcome your feedback and suggestions about the content of this Intelligence Update, our work, or suggestions for any other support that you would like. Please email us on [LKISLondon@phe.gov.uk](mailto:LKISLondon@phe.gov.uk).

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## **A message from us**

You will have heard through the media and other avenues that Public Health England is to be disbanded. A new UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), headed up by Dr Jenny Harries, is currently being established to support the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Local Knowledge and Intelligence Service function will be moving to the Department of Health and Social Care, within a new Office for Health Improvement and Disparities.

However, during these uncertain times we remain committed to supporting you. Amongst other areas of support our enquiries service remains open and we look forward to supporting you in the coming months.

We will of course keep you up to speed with any developments pertaining to the future of our service.

## **In focus: Severe Mental Illness Profiles**

### **What is the Severe Mental Illness (SMI) profiling tool?**

The [Severe Mental Illness \(SMI\) Profiling tool](#) is part of a suite of tools that make population level data on mental health publicly available and supports an intelligence driven approach to understanding and meeting need.

### **What's new in the tool?**

Data on premature and excess premature mortality in adults with SMI within the Quality and Outcomes domain of the profile has been expanded with new and updated indicators. The data now covers the 2016-18 period for all causes of death and a new condition specific breakdown for 2015-17 and 2016-18. Condition specific data focuses on four main causes of death for people with SMI including cancer, cardiovascular disease, liver disease and respiratory disease. Indicators are available for persons, male and female.

### **What else do I need to know?**

- You can view these and other indicators by equality breakdown at local level by visiting the [Exploring Inequality](#) domain of the tool. Click [here](#) for an introduction on how to use this domain and its content.
- Data in the tool is drawn from many sources and varies by time period, population and presentation of values. Care should be taken with interpretation. Detailed meta data and any caveats are set out in the 'Definitions' section.

## Updates from PHE's Population Health Analysis team

- **Wider Impacts of COVID-19 on Health (WICH) tool**

The [Wider Impacts of COVID-19 on Health \(WICH\) tool](#) is released on a monthly basis. The latest update took place on 19 August 2021. This release saw new indicators added and updates to many of the existing indicators, including to indicators relating to mental health and wellbeing. A [list of all indicators](#), including those that are new or updated in this release, is available from the homepage within the tool.

- **Public Health Outcomes Framework**

The [Public Health Outcomes Framework](#) was updated on 03 August with updates to seven indicators. This updated included two new indicators: B10 - Killed and seriously injured (KSI) casualties on England's roads; and B19 - Loneliness: Percentage of adults who feel lonely often / always or some of the time. Four indicators were updated in July 2021: three NHS Health Check offers and take up indicators; and one on the dementia diagnosis rate. Full details of the updated indicators are available [here](#).

- **COVID-19 Health Inequalities Monitoring for England (CHIME) tool**

The [CHIME tool](#) brings together data relating to the direct impacts of COVID-19, for factors such as mortality rates, hospital admissions, confirmed cases and vaccinations. Inequality breakdowns, including by age, sex, ethnic group, level of deprivation and region are provided in the tool. In the latest release on 05 August, two new indicators on vaccination were added: Cumulative percentage of people aged 50 and over who have received two vaccinations; and cumulative percentage of people aged 50 and over who have not been vaccinated.

## Health Intelligence Network updates

- **Cancer**

- [The Rapid Cancer Registration Data \(RCRD\) Covid-19 Incidence and Treatment dashboards](#)

These dashboards are being updated to use the latest data (CAS2107), including diagnoses up to April 2021. The update includes an improvement to the method used to estimate the number of diagnoses and the addition of stage data for pancreas and lymphoma. The update is available now on [CancerStats2](#) and should be available shortly on [CancerData](#).

- [National Disease Registration Service \(NDRS\) Webinar series 2021](#)

NDRS are running a series of webinars throughout September and October, showcasing work across NDRS, The webinars are listed on the NDRS

website [here](#). All webinars will be recorded and uploaded to the website after.

- **Child and maternal health**
  - **High impact area reports for maternity**

PHE has produced [new summaries](#) at England, region and local authority level which show where improvements are being seen for those indicators which have a particularly high impact on the health and wellbeing of women and children during pregnancy and beyond. The summaries are available at an England, regional and upper-tier local authority level, linked to PHE's Fingertips tool, giving those working across the health system a sense of the direction of travel for these important indicators at a glance.
  - **High impact Experimental analysis of inequalities in child development**

[Experimental analysis](#) of the characteristics of children age 2 and 3 years who have had their development assessed using the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ-3) at age 2 to 2 and a half years has been published. The analysis looks at inequalities based on different characteristics using data from the Community Services Dataset (CSDS) including sex, ethnicity, deprivation, looked-after children, disability and vulnerability. The analysis gives further detail to that available from the child development outcomes at 2 to 2 and a half years metrics which are produced routinely by Public Health England (PHE) based on data from the [interim national reporting system for children's public health 0 to 5 years](#).
  - **Child Health Profile feedback exercise**

PHE carries out regular user engagement activities to make sure [child health profiles](#) continue to meet the changing needs of stakeholders, including a user survey every two years. In 2021, we are especially keen to hear from users about proposed changes to the timing and frequency of updates and methods for the smoking at the time of delivery indicator. Please [complete the survey](#) which should take approximately 5 minutes unless you wish to give more detailed feedback. It will close on Friday 24 September.
- **Mental health**
  - **Severe mental illness (SMI) profile update**

New data on premature and excess premature mortality in adults with [severe mental illness profile](#) were published on 03 August 2021 and feature as our health intelligence tool '[In Focus](#)' this issue.
  - **Other profile updates**
    - Common mental health disorders profile - Updates to the common mental health disorders profile this month can be viewed [here](#)

- Crisis care profile - Updates to the crisis care profile this month can be viewed [here](#)
- Dementia Profile – Updates to the dementia profile can be viewed [here](#)
- **Covid-19: mental health and wellbeing surveillance – developments**  
Following feedback from stakeholders in May and June 2021, the format and frequency of the [mental health and wellbeing surveillance report](#) has been revised. It will now be updated quarterly and concentrate on:
  - Important Findings
  - Measures of anxiety, loneliness, depression and life satisfaction
  - Children and young people

The Spotlight section has been retained. It includes a series of reports describing different aspects of inequality. New reports will be added regularly, and previously published Spotlights will remain available.

The latest update includes data up to 14 June 2021. Some data on mental health and wellbeing during the pandemic is updated more often than quarterly. The latest available data can now be found in the [Wider Impacts of COVID-19 on Health \(WICH\) tool](#). Information which was in the discontinued chapters can also be viewed there.

- **Healthy Ageing**
  - [Productive Healthy Ageing Profile updates](#)  
Recent updates on fingertips include:
    - A new indicator: Percentage of adults who feel lonely often/always or some of the time (including national breakdown by age group)
    - The percentage population aged 65 years and over (local authority-based version) was updated and the population age profile pyramids now display 2020 populations.

## Methodological updates

- **[ONS Updates](#)**
  - [COVID-19 Infection Survey: methods and further information](#)  
Information on the methods used to collect the data, process it, and calculate the statistics produced from the COVID-19 Infection Survey.
  - [Applying differential privacy protection to ONS mortality data, pilot study](#)  
An investigation into the practical use of differential privacy protection, through the application on frequency tables generated from ONS mortality data.
  - [COVID-19 Schools Infection Survey: methods and further information](#)  
Information on the methods used to collect the data, process it, and calculate the statistics produced from the COVID-19 Schools Infection Survey (SIS).
  - [User guide to marriage statistics](#)

Supporting information on the data used in published marriage tables, which provide statistics on marriages that took place in England and Wales during the latest available data year.

- [User guide to conception statistics](#)  
Supporting information for conception statistics in England and Wales. Figures are based on information recorded during the registration of birth and notification of abortion.
- [Improving Crime Statistics for England and Wales – progress update July 2021](#)  
Latest update on the progress being made to improve crime statistics for England and Wales.

## Knowledge and Library Services updates

- **PHE Knowledge and Evidence Specialists can help find COVID-19 evidence**  
All local authority public health teams have a named regional PHE Knowledge and Evidence Specialist (KES) who can:
  - answer your queries
  - undertake COVID-19 related literature searches and
  - provide training on finding the evidence

| Region                             | Knowledge & Evidence Specialist                               |
|------------------------------------|---|
| North East, Yorkshire & Humberside | <a href="#">Carly Rowley</a>                                  |
| North West                         | <a href="#">Tanya Williamson</a>                              |
| East of England                    | <a href="#">Helen Medley</a>                                  |
| East and West Midlands             | <a href="#">Mary West</a>                                     |
| London                             | <a href="#">Sam Thomas</a> and <a href="#">Charlotte Prew</a> |
| South West                         | <a href="#">Sam Thomas</a>                                    |
| South East                         | <a href="#">Charlotte Prew</a>                                |

- **Access to over 5000 journal titles from PHE Knowledge & Library Services**  
In addition, PHE Knowledge & Library Services provide Local Authority PH teams access to:
  - Over 5000 journal titles provided by PHE
  - A bespoke search tool [EBSCO Discovery](#)
  - All NHS subscribed journals and databases
  - [Browzine](#) app for browsing and reading journal articles
  - [LibKey Nomad](#) browser extension for quick access to PDFs

Register for an OpenAthens username and password and choose 'Public health staff in England' to access these resources.

Note: Some local authorities have arrangements in place for their public health staff to use NHS library services.

- **Recently completed literature search topics**

The library team have recently completed searches on topics relating to the impact of COVID-19 on health inequalities, oral health, sexual health, and cancer services; long COVID; and vaccine uptake and hesitancy.

Contact your regional Knowledge & Evidence Specialist to discuss any aspect of this service or to request support. Visit [Support for Local Authority Public Health Teams – Knowledge & Library Services](#) to find out more.

## Data releases

- **Upcoming releases**

You can keep up to date with the upcoming public health data releases on the PHE National Health Intelligence [Khub](#) where we publish our Public Health Intelligence Calendar. The calendar provides a list of the data and statistics of public health interest due to be published in the following two weeks. The calendar is published weekly on a Friday. If you need assistance registering or using Knowledge Hub, please email us on [LKISLondon@phe.gov.uk](mailto:LKISLondon@phe.gov.uk).

## National Conferences, Events and Webinars

- **COVID-19 webinar series**

All of the previous [recordings](#), [slides and Q&As](#) from the webinars on the COVID-19 situational awareness explorer portal are located on the [new portal resources Khub group](#). This is a restricted group for portal users – if you are a portal user and would like to access the resources, then please apply to join the group. Recordings of the webinars on the public-facing dashboard and WICH tools are located in PHE’s National Health Intelligence Khub group [here](#).

For queries relating to the COVID-19 webinar series, please contact [covidwebinarseries@phe.gov.uk](mailto:covidwebinarseries@phe.gov.uk).

## Local events and training

- **PHE National Health Intelligence Knowledge hub group**

We are beginning to revitalise our [PHE National Health Intelligence group](#) and will also look to update our [PHE London group](#), both of which are open to anyone with an interest in health intelligence. The former is used for updates and



resources of interest to members across the country and the latter for material with a London focus. Much of the kind of information historically shared on this restricted-membership group can now be shared in open groups, and this allows us to more effectively engage with a wider public health audience.

This has resulted in little or no use being made of the restricted-membership [Public Health Analyst group](#) in its current form. We have identified a new use for this group for our local authority lead contacts for public health intelligence. In the coming weeks, the administrators of this group will be refining its membership to reflect this. If you are not already a member of the two open groups, we would encourage you to follow the links above and click 'Join' in order to keep up with national and local updates.

- **London Public Health Data and Intelligence Advisory Group**

In order to better understand the key knowledge and intelligence issues facing the local public health system in London, and how these local issues should be prioritised to be met within available capacity, this autumn we are re-energising our London Public Health Data and Intelligence Advisory Group. It is anticipated that guidance from the Advisory Group, as well as influencing the local work programme in London, will also feed into discussions on national Knowledge and Intelligence work programme priorities.

- **The London Practitioner Registration Scheme, 2022**

Applications are now open to for the London Practitioner registration scheme. The scheme provides support and assessment for London practitioners to attain professional registration in public health practice with the UK Public Health Register (UKPHR). Closing date for applications: 19 November 2021. For any further queries about the scheme, please contact [Sam.gentry-marshall@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Sam.gentry-marshall@barnet.gov.uk)

## Useful information

- Links to key tools and sources of information:
  - The [PHE data and analysis tools site](#) is a single point of access for data and analysis tools from across PHE
  - The [Public Health Profiles](#) page covers a range of health and wellbeing themes to support Joint Strategic Needs Assessments and commissioning
  - Information about local knowledge and intelligence products and services are shared on the PHE London Knowledge hub site.
- **Release dates for public health statistics are included in the calendars below:**
  - [gov.uk/government/statistics/announcements](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/announcements)
  - [content.digital.nhs.uk/pubs/calendar](https://content.digital.nhs.uk/pubs/calendar)
  - [ons.gov.uk/ons/release-calendar/index.html](https://ons.gov.uk/ons/release-calendar/index.html).

## Enquiry service

The PHE Local Knowledge and Intelligence Service London operate an enquiry service. Please send your questions and information requests to:

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