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Intelligence Update – June/July 2021

Welcome

Welcome to the Intelligence Update for June and July 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.

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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 Promotion.

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: Local Health

The Local Health mapping and fingertips tools have now been updated. There is further information on the updates and links to the refreshed tools below.

What is Local Health?

Local Health contains indicators related to:

- population and demographic factors, including age, sex and deprivation
- health outcomes
- wider determinants of health, including housing and living environment

It presents data for middle super output areas (MSOAs), electoral wards, clinical commissioning groups (CCGs), local authorities, and England as a whole.

What functionality do the tools have?

The mapping tool allows users to map data and provides spine charts and reports for small areas. Users can also define their own geographies and add their own data.

This update has also been published on the Fingertips web platform, providing users with additional options for presenting and visualising data.

Which indicators are in the tools?

The update contains:

- 48 indicators updated with data for the latest available time period and the latest available boundaries
- 5 new indicators
- 8 indicators without new source data which have been updated to new boundaries
- an update of wards and CCGs to 2020 boundaries and Lower Tier and Upper Tier Local Authorities to 2021 boundaries. This includes those indicators where more recent data is not available

See the statistical commentary for more information on the available indicators, geographies and any other changes in this release.

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. Recent updates took place on 20 May and 17 June. These releases saw updates to many of the existing indicators along with the addition of new metrics on sexual health and A&E attendance. A full list of all of the updates is available on [GOV.UK](#). We are currently undertaking an internal review of the WICH tool and as always, we welcome any feedback. Please email your comments to EandS-Enquiries@phe.gov.uk

- **National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP): trends in child body mass index 2006/07-2019/20 (official statistic)**

This [report](#) presents analyses of the trends in obesity, excess weight (overweight and obesity combined), and severe obesity prevalence from the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP), examining changes over time by age, sex, ethnic group and deprivation quintile.

The findings show a downward trend in prevalence of obesity and excess weight among Reception (aged 4-5 years) boys. However, in Reception girls and Year 6 (aged 10-11 years) boys and girls there is an upward trend in the prevalence of obesity, excess weight and severe obesity. Inequalities continue to widen in obesity, excess weight, and severe obesity across all age and sex groups in the NCMP.

- **Public Health Outcomes Framework**

The [Public Health Outcomes Framework](#) was updated on 05 May. New time points were added to 17 indicators across the five domains. This release also includes data on the HPV vaccination screening coverage for males aged 12 to 13 years (indicator D04e), to reflect the expansion of the vaccination programme to include males from 2019/20. The tool has been updated to include the post-April 2021 geographies. Latest updates can be viewed [here](#).

- **Local Health**

On the 2 June the [Local Health Mapping tool](#) and the [Local Health Fingertips profile](#) were updated. The release includes the latest timepoint for those indicators where there has been a release of new source data. For those indicators that have had not had any updated source data (i.e. census 2011 indicators) the existing data have been reaggregated to new boundaries. The boundaries used in the release are MSOA 2011, Best fit ward 2020, Lower Tier and Upper Tier 2021 and CCG 2020.

Health Intelligence Network updates

- **Cancer**

- **National Statistics – Collection pages**

There are now specific “collection” pages for national statistics, which make it easier to find the latest releases on topics including [emergency presentations of cancer](#), [cancer survival](#), and [cancer registration statistics](#).

- **Cancer survival**

In the spring, the [Cancer survival: index for Clinical Commissioning Groups, 2003 to 2018](#) was released. This cancer survival bulletin includes estimates for the 1-year index of cancer survival by CCG for all cancers combined and breast, colorectal and lung for adults diagnosed between 2003 to 2018 and followed up to 2019. This publication includes interactive visualisations available on the [‘CancerData’ site](#).

- **Rapid Cancer Registration and Treatment data dashboards**

These dashboards have been released to support cancer services to understand and respond to the impact of COVID-19 on cancer diagnoses and related treatment:

- The public version of the dashboard is available on the [‘CancerData’](#) site, and additional breakdowns are available on the restricted access [‘CancerStats2’](#) platform.
- The [Rapid Cancer Registration Dataset](#) provides monthly estimates of the number of cancer diagnoses, the volume of surgical tumour resection procedures and the proportion of patients receiving a surgical tumour resection, chemotherapy and/or radiotherapy, at England level. The data is broken down by cancer group and patient or tumour factors: age, sex, deprivation, ethnicity, ‘Route to Diagnosis’, stage at diagnosis or cancer alliance. Additional cancer alliance and trust data is available on the [‘CancerStats2’](#) platform. Previous releases of an England-level summary are also available for reference.

- **Child and maternal health**

- [New safeguarding metric and updates to current metrics in the WICH tool](#)

The Life Course Intelligence team have published a new metric in the Wider Impacts of COVID-19 on Health (WICH) tool, showing the rate of safeguarding referrals received to community services for ages 0-18. Data are available monthly for January-November 2020.

The following metrics, which include data relevant to children and young people, have also been updated:

- Community delivered healthcare
- Hospital admissions (all cases): trend in emergency hospital admissions per 1,000 population

- Hospital admissions (all cases): trend in elective hospital admissions per 1,000 population
 - Birth: proportion of babies who receive breastmilk as their first feed
 - Pregnancy: rate of maternity bookings per 1,000 women
 - Pregnancy: maternity bookings within 10 weeks
 - Pregnancy: proportion of bookings where the woman was taking folic acid prior to pregnancy
 - Pregnancy: proportion of bookings where the woman was subject to complex social factors
- [Admissions for children with long-term conditions, emergency admissions and A&E attendance: 2021 update](#)
- Indicators in the [Child and maternal health profiles](#) related to hospital admissions for were updated on 5 May. They include children with asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, gastroenteritis and respiratory tract infections, overall emergency admissions and road traffic accident. Indicators on A&E attendance for different age groups were not updated because of issues with the source data. The profiles provide data at a local, regional and national level to inform the development and provision of health improvement and prevention activities and acute hospital services for children and families.
- [Indicators related to under 18 conceptions, pregnancy and birth: 2021 update](#)
- Indicators in the [Child and maternal health profiles](#) and [Sexual and reproductive health profiles](#) were related to pregnancy and birth were updated on 5 May. Indicators for under 18 conceptions have not been updated because of delays in the availability for the source data for these indicators. The profiles give data at a local, regional and national level to inform the development and provision of family planning, antenatal and maternity care.
- [Breastfeeding, health visiting, child development: Interim children's public health 0 to 5 years national reporting system for 2020 to 2021](#)
- The data collection window was open between Monday 10 May and Friday 25 June for all quarters of 2020 to 2021. Publication is expected in late 2021 and the date will be confirmed in the [Statistics Release calendar](#). If a local authority has experienced issues submitting data, please email interimreporting@phe.gov.uk.
- [Child health profiles 2021 published](#)
- The annual PDF snapshot [Child Health Profiles](#) have been published and many of the related indicators in the interactive version of the profiles have been updated. These give an overview of child health and wellbeing for each local authority and clinical commissioning group in England using key health indicators, which enable comparison locally, regionally and nationally. The family homelessness indicator has been replaced by a new indicator for homelessness in 'households with dependent children owed a duty under the

Homelessness Reduction Act' to reflect the introduction of new homelessness duties.

- **Mental health**

- **Children living with parents in emotional distress, 2021 update**

Data on the proportion of [children living with parents reporting symptoms of emotional distress](#) in England was published for the period 2018 to 2019, including trends data going back to 2010 and a breakdown by family type and work status.

Four indicators were updated on the proportion of children living with:

- at least one parent reporting symptoms of emotional distress
- a mother reporting symptoms of emotional distress
- a father reporting symptoms of emotional distress
- both parents reporting symptoms of emotional distress.

- **Severe mental illness (SMI) profile is now an Official Statistic**

The [SMI profile](#) has been developed to support an intelligence driven approach to understanding and meeting need. It provides data to help improve support, services and outcomes for people living with and recovering from severe mental illness. The profile collates and analyses a wide range of publicly available data on prevalence, risk and related factors, service contacts, and quality and outcomes. It provides planners, providers and stakeholders with the means to profile their area and benchmark against similar populations.

An [Exploring Inequality](#) domain has been added to this profiling tool. It includes metrics that can be further broken down by population characteristic and by deprivation grouping. Users can go directly to the [available metrics](#).

- **Dementia Profile**

Two new statistical factsheets have been added to the [dementia profile](#) for the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) areas in England:

- The 'Anti-psychotic Prescribing' factsheets have been developed to provide statistics on the prescription of anti-psychotic medication to people with a formal diagnosis of dementia and also provide details of the general characteristics of this population. The factsheets contain CCG and primary care practice level data up to December 2020 and are also located in PHE's Dementia Profile within the 'Reports' section.
- The monthly Wider Impacts of COVID19 on Health (WICH) dementia surveillance factsheets for CCGs are published through the dementia profile to accompany the national WICH monitoring tool published by PHE. The indicators included in the factsheets are the estimated dementia diagnosis rate, recorded prevalence, care plan reviews and the primary

care prescribing of anti-psychotic medication. The factsheets will be updated monthly and can be accessed in the 'Reports' section of the dementia profile.

- **Cardiovascular Disease**

- **Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Audit (CVDPREVENT)**

- CVDPREVENT is a national primary care audit that will automatically extract routinely held GP data, via GPES, covering diagnosis and management of six high-risk conditions that cause stroke, heart attack and dementia. The baseline data extract was provided by NHS Digital. The NHS Benchmarking Network and the NCVIN-PHE team will be developing user-friendly, insightful dashboards, to enable GPs, CCGs, PCNs, and ICSs to deliver on prevention of CVD in England.

It is anticipated that the first outputs, covering the baseline data set to March 2020, will be made available in the winter. Subject to the timing of availability of further extracts from NHS Digital updating the data set to March 2021, a second set of outputs will be produced in summer 2022. The outputs will support organisations to identify variation, trends, and opportunities in the prevention and management of CVD conditions.

- **Healthy Ageing**

- Productive Healthy Ageing Profile updates

- Recent updates on fingertips include:

- A new indicator: percentage of the population aged 50-64 years, 2019
 - The following indicators were updated to 2019 and previously missing geographies were added: Income Deprivation Affecting Older People Index (IDAOPI); Percentage of the population aged 65+; and Percentage of the population aged 85+
 - Indicators relating to the following topics were updated: Healthy and disability-free life expectancy at birth and at age 65; physical activity; Overweight or obese; '5-a-day' diet; Musculoskeletal (MSK) health and Sight loss.

Methodological updates

- ONS Updates

- Deaths involving COVID-19 by religious group and ethnic group, England: methodology

- Detailed quality and methodology information for “Deaths involving COVID-19 by religious group, England: 24 January 2020 to 28 February 2021” and “Updating ethnic contrasts in deaths involving the coronavirus (COVID-19), England: 24 January 2020 to 31 March 2021”.

- User guide to crime statistics for England and Wales

Quarterly statistics on crime levels and trends in England and Wales. This user guide contains detailed information on the datasets used to compile crime statistics published by Office for National Statistics (ONS).

- [Police recorded offences involving knives or sharp instruments: methodology changes](#)

A new cross-police force methodology for counting the number of recorded offences involving knives or sharp instruments, including revisions to the coverage and guidance of the offences which involve knives or sharp instruments collection.

- [Subnational population projections across the UK: a comparison of data sources and methods](#)

User guidance, uses, assumptions and methodology for the subnational population projections for each constituent country of the UK.

Knowledge and Library Services updates

Public Health England's Knowledge and Library Service (KLS) now have Knowledge and Evidence Specialists working to answer Covid-19 response and recovery related evidence enquiries from local authority public health (LAPH) teams. This service supports local authorities with their response to the coronavirus pandemic by undertaking literature searches and helping local public health teams access and use relevant resources (journals, databases, search training).

The service offer includes:

- **Literature Searches** – help to access the evidence you need to make informed decisions. You can find out more about literature searches and make requests [here](#)
- **Training** – help to effectively access, use and organise evidence. Find out more [here](#)
- **Access to Journals/Databases** – help to access several public health related databases and thousands of journals. More information [here](#)
- **OpenAthens** – it is advisable to have an OpenAthens account to gain access to resources. More information [here](#)

Popular requests so far have included reducing vaccine hesitancy, improving vaccine take-up in BAME communities, impact of lifestyle factors on Covid-19, long Covid.

Further information and contact details for the team can be found [here](#).

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.

National Conferences, Events and Webinars

- **Webinar: COVID-19 Health Inequalities Monitoring in England (CHIME) tool**
14 July, 12:30-13:00

PHE's [CHIME tool](#) brings together data relating to the direct impacts of COVID-19, such as for mortality rates, hospital admissions and confirmed COVID-19 cases. By presenting inequality breakdowns, including by age, sex, ethnic group, level of deprivation and region, the tool provides a single point of access in order to:

- show how inequalities have changed during the course of the pandemic and what the current cumulative picture is
- bring together data in one tool to enable users to access and utilise the intelligence more easily
- provide indicators with a consistent methodology across different datasets to facilitate understanding
- support users to identify and address inequalities within their areas and identify priority areas for recovery
- show inequalities by age, ethnicity and deprivation within regions, as well as within England as a whole

Register [here](#) for the webinar. You will then receive an email from Eventbrite with a link to the MS Teams Live Event (you may need to check your 'junk' mail).

- **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.

Local events and training

- **PHE National Health Intelligence Knowledge hub group**
National content (such as the Public Health Intelligence Calendar and updates on PHE tools and products) is now being posted on the [PHE National Health Intelligence](#) group. Local updates will continue to be posted on the [PHE London group](#).

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
 - 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: LKISLondon@phe.gov.uk