

# Members Recovery Workshop

Community

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# Project background and recovery objectives

## Vision

To identify the key impacts of Covid-19 on the communities of Teignbridge. To work with partners to identify deliverable actions that will continue to make Teignbridge a healthy and desirable place where people want to live, work and visit, To help create an environment which supports the voluntary and community sector to support strong communities



## Work undertaken so far

- Literature review and Data Review- October 2020
- Residents Survey November 2020
- Interviews with key stakeholders including Sue Wroe from the Teignbridge CVS and Vincent Wilson from the Citizens Advice Bureau.
- Information request through Southern Early Help Partnership and Community Safety Partnership looking at impacts of COVID on communities and what is working well
- Engagement with Devon County Council relating to the VCS



## Work undertaken so far

Two Community Recovery workshops have taken place to date, and representatives from the following agencies have been involved in the meetings. Cllr Wrigley has also attended the workshops

- Teignbridge Community and for Voluntary Services
- Citizens Advice Bureau
- Alice Cross Centre
- Space
- Young Devon
- Kingscare
- Newton Abbot Town Council
- Dawlish Town Council

Foodbanks, Westbank and Bishopsteignton Council have been invited but haven't been able to attend

The meetings have gathered **insight** on the issues within our communities as a result of COVID, considered **gaps in provision** and enabled **sharing of existing services** being offered by the organisations involved.



## Core financial support to the community and voluntary sector

**The Citizens Advice** have received £52,130 from the council over three years between 2018-2021. Their primary focus during the pandemic has been upon the provision of advice and support relating to debt, benefits and family breakdown.

**The Community and Voluntary Service** have received £57,000 for a three year contract over the same period, which covers £35,000 for the core service, £8,000 for funding advice and £14,000 for volunteer work. They support local charities, voluntary groups, and social enterprises in Teignbridge to build a stronger community. Examples of key projects include:

- Supporting voluntary sector groups to develop their capability and development work
- Providing critical learning and development opportunities
- Supporting community groups with financial sustainability, including funding advice
- Sourcing grant income for community and voluntary sector groups

**Money advice** £39k per annum provided to Homemaker Southwest to provide financial advice to clients accessing council services (Housing Solutions and Revs and Bens).



# COVID-19 Community Funding

**The Covid Community Hardship Fund** has been created with £50,000 from the Devon County Council's Hardship fund provided to Teignbridge. Organisations have been given the opportunity to bid for a project that meets at least one the identified gaps and they can bid for for up to £10,000.

- Digital Access
- Reducing Loneliness
- Improving Mental Health

**Prompt Action Fund** The council has provided £15,000 to a special Prompt Action Fund set up by Devon County Council. The funds are issued to rapidly provide small amounts of grant funding to community led schemes.

**Additional Funding:** In the early stages of the pandemic, funding from the councils unspent 2019/20 budget was used for the provision of additional financial support to local foodbanks (£20k); funding for the CVS to provide a community hot food service (£2k), Westbank and the CAB (£20k shared); and providing assistance to the Meadow Centre, Buckland Community Centre and Chudleigh Youth Club by allowing a six month rental break (equivalent to 13K).



# Health Inequalities

## Insights based on national data and reports

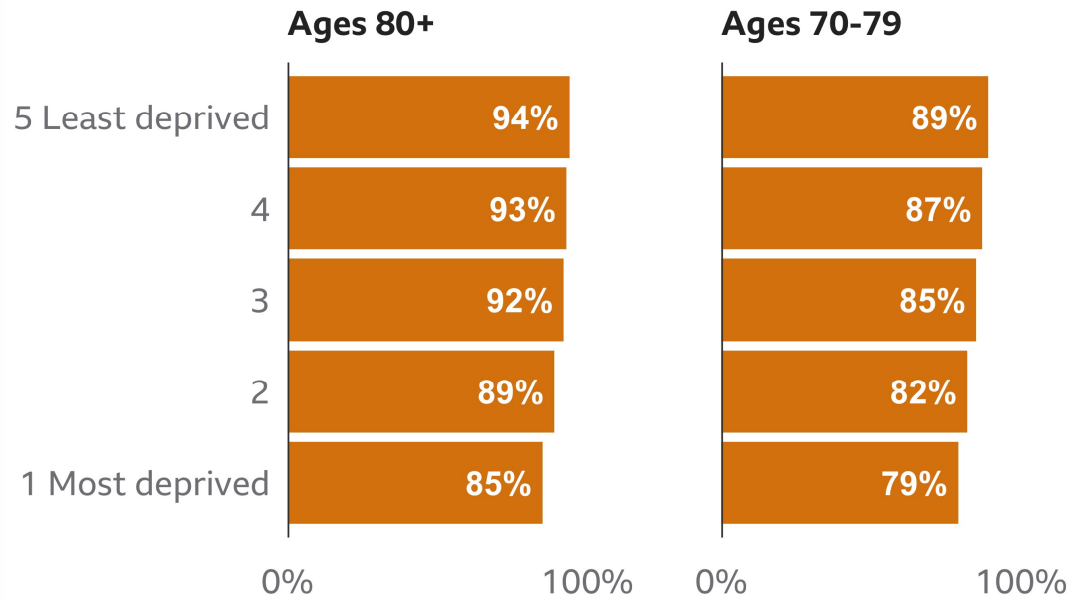
- People facing the greatest deprivation are experiencing a higher risk of exposure to COVID-19 and existing poor health puts them at risk of more severe outcomes if they contract the virus. This is also exposing the structural disadvantage faced by parts of the Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities.
- The government and wider societal measures to control the spread of the virus and save lives now (including the lockdown, social distancing and cancellations to routine care) are exacting a heavier social and economic price on those already experiencing inequality.
- This, and the potential economic recession risks exacerbating health inequalities now and in years to come.
- As we move from crisis management to recovery, government, businesses and wider society all have a role to play in giving everyone the opportunity to live a healthy life.
- Action needed will include protecting incomes, improving the quality of jobs and homes, and supporting critical voluntary and community services.





## People in poorer areas aged 80 and over less likely to have had the vaccine

Percentage vaccinated by area of deprivation

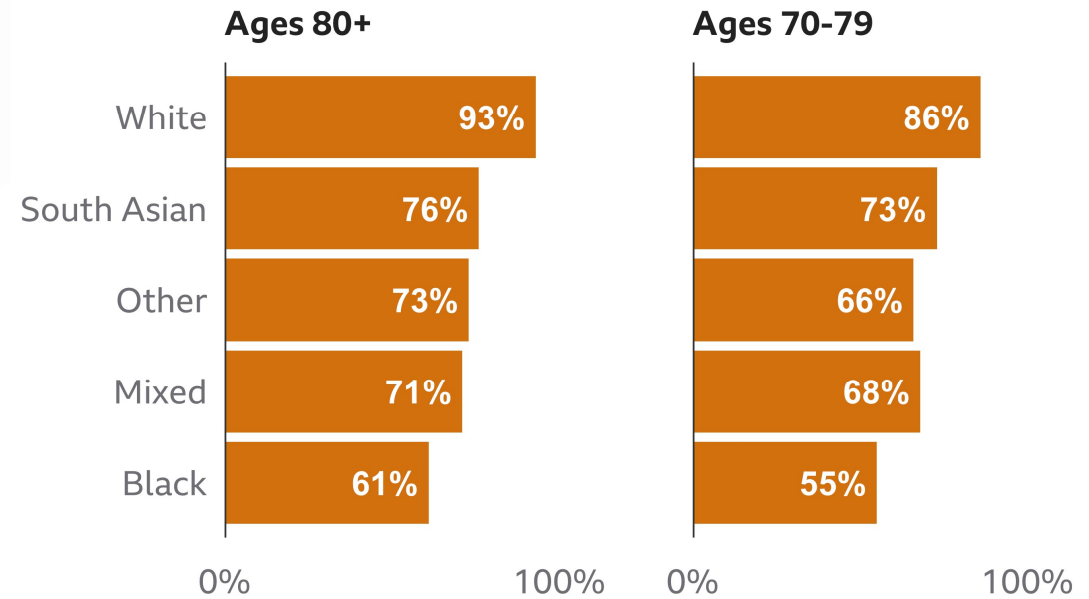


Source: OpenSAFELY analysis of NHS data in England. Data to 11 Feb



## Take-up lower among ethnic minorities aged 80 and over

Percentage vaccinated in each age group



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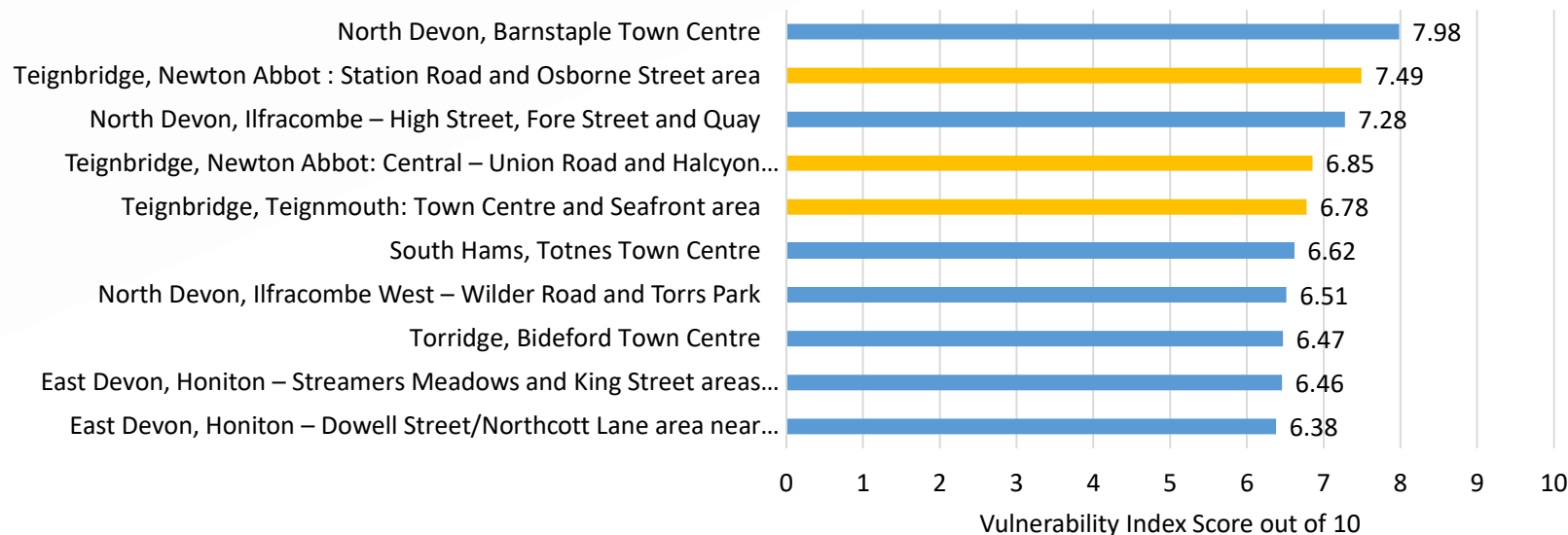


# Areas of Deprivation and Risk

Weighted vulnerability index by DCC Ward (Score out of 10)

This has been developed by the Economy, Employment and Skills team of DCC to assess the areas of Devon, Torbay and Plymouth most vulnerable to emerging economic impacts of Covid-19. The measures used include claimant count, job retention scheme, self employ income support scheme, employment within retail, tourism and manufacturing industries and 2019 indices of deprivation.

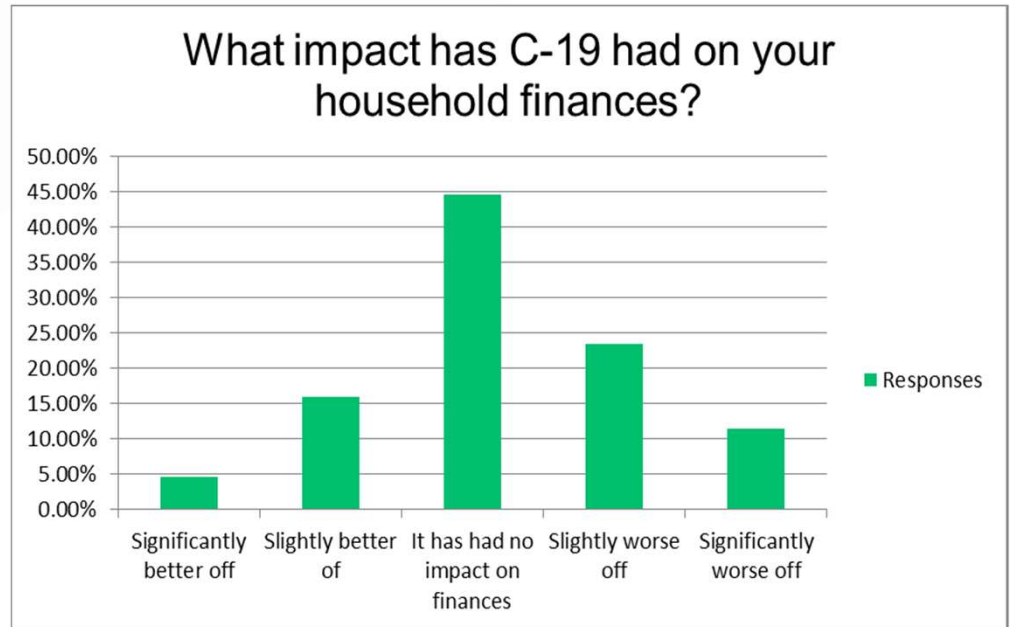
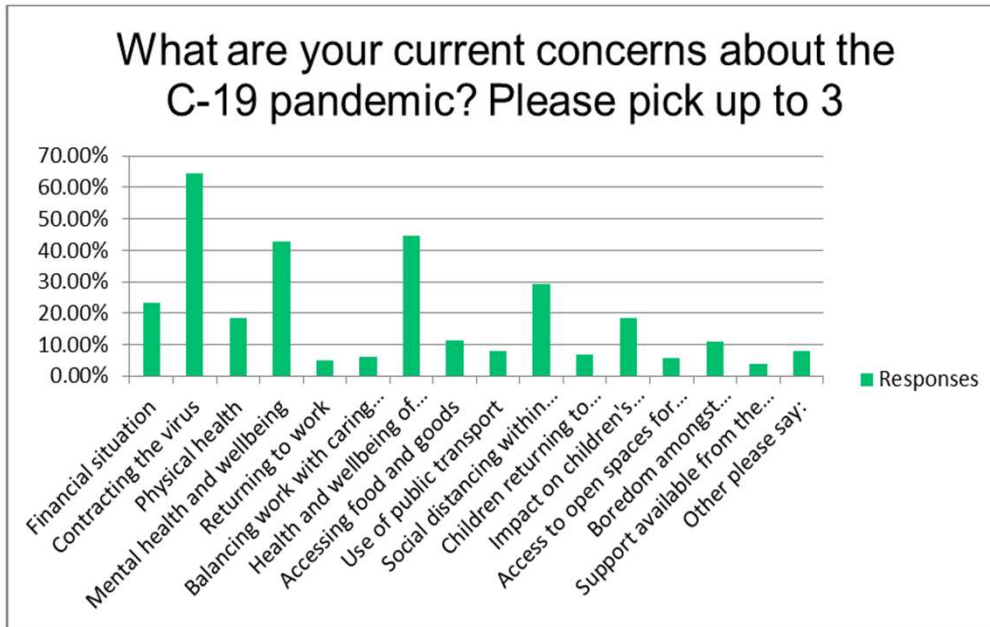
## DCC - Top 10 wards most vulnerable to emerging economic impacts of Covid-19



\*Note – There is an ever moving target due to frequent new data releases. This is a snapshot of the most up to date data found as of 09-02-21.

# COVID-19 Resident's Survey

## Residents concerns

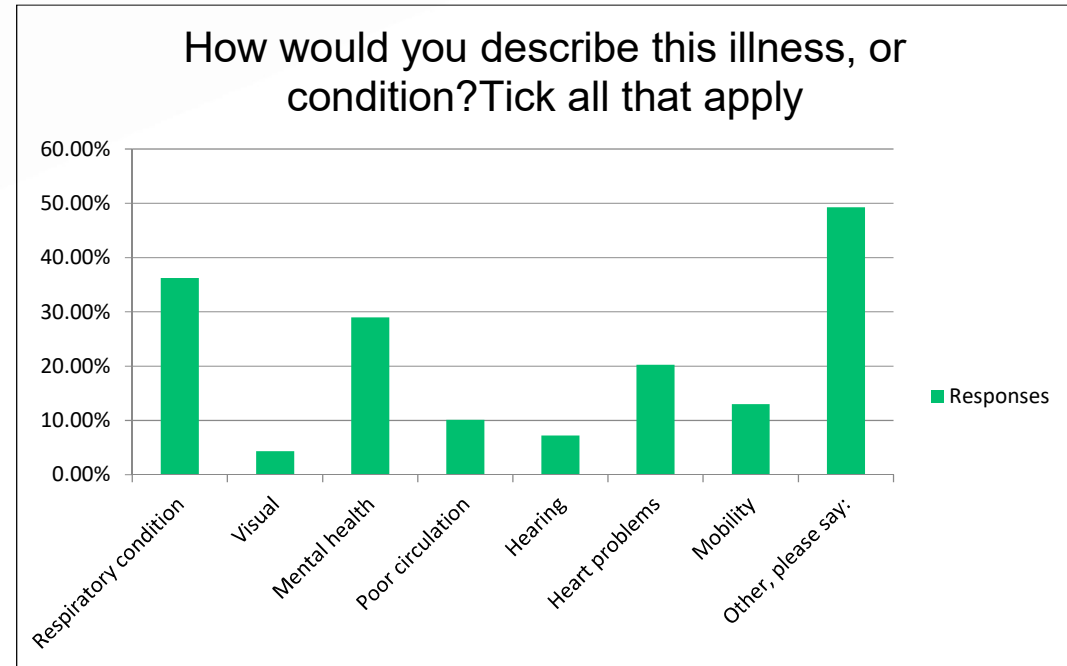
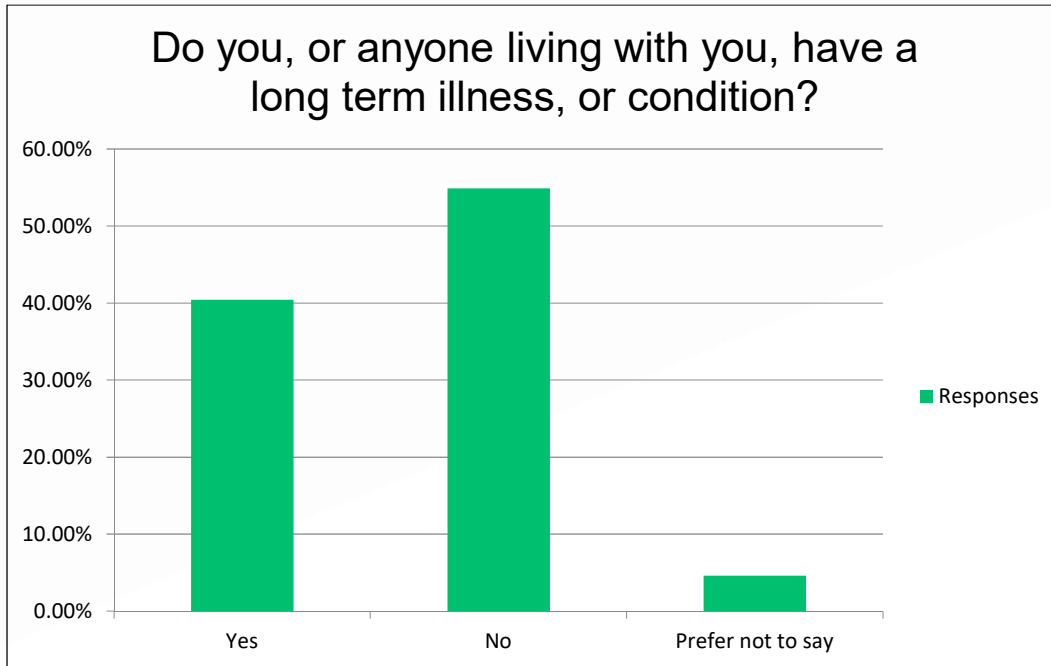


- Contracting the virus
- Mental Health and wellbeing of loved ones
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Social distancing within the community
- Financial situation



# COVID-19 Resident's Survey

## Health and wellbeing



# Reports from Teignbridge CAB & CVS

## Citizen's Advice Bureau

- Reports highlight that the 3 enquiry areas most affected by COVID-19 being benefits and tax credits, Universal Credit and employment. More recently there has been an increase in demand for family and relationship advice and an increase in case complexity.
- Rise in grievance claims and employment tribunals – specialist work required.
- Felling of pent up demand- likely 60% increase in demand for debt advice in the coming months.

## Teignbridge CVS priorities

- Supporting the voluntary sector to move towards an interim or new 'norm'
- Support more people who are lonely and isolated
- Providers have seen benefits to delivering digitally, but that we need to support upskilling of workforce and residents, and to supply equipment
- Local is the solution that works and need Commissioners and Government to recognise that support, resources and services should focus on local.



# Insights

From the recovery workshop, literature review and data

## Financial

Household debt

Concern about sustainability of the voluntary sector

Widening gap between have and have nots

Capacity for high future demand

Affordable rented properties

Need for a new volunteer workforce

## Social

Hidden risks of exploitation

Digital access

Domestic abuse

Clients present with more issues

Development of food network

People seeking help who have not done before

Increase in anti social behaviour

## Health and Wellbeing

People learnt coping mechanisms in first lockdown which they are now using

General feeling that residents and professionals have low morale and are fatigued

Physical and mental deterioration in older clients

Disordered eating in young women

Loss of self worth in young males

Bereavement

Mental Health

Loneliness



# Community Recovery Projects

- Continuation of the Community Recovery Forum & combining this with the Homelessness Forum
- Engagement with the Community and Voluntary Sector over the Council's response to poverty and deprivation in Teignbridge.
- Continue to provide funding for Community and Voluntary Sector activity
- Development of data analytics with the community and voluntary sector and Devon County Council to anticipate demand for services, understand emerging need and target interventions and support more effectively.



**Any questions?**