

UPDATE ON EQUITABLE PLACE+ BASED HEALTH AND CARE THEME



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Equitable Place Based Health and Care Theme (EPHC) – key features

- Building collaborations between the public, local stakeholders and researchers
- Particular focus on researching actions related to social determinants of health inequalities, and models of integrated health and care
- Longer term evaluation of place based approaches

The COVID-19 diary project

- Public advisers across NWC participated in remote diary study over 8 weeks (April – June)
- Recorded experiences of everyday life during lockdown
- Research will produce briefings/other outputs on key topics
 - Effects on mental wellbeing
 - Experiences of lockdown guidelines
 - Health and care experiences
 - Use of technology
 - Perspective on diary methods

Air quality

- Effects on health and differential impact on disadvantaged communities means air quality is an important topic for ARC NWC
- EPHC, Improving Population Health and Care and Health Informatics working together
- Perspective of EPHC is the role of community engagement in strengthening local authority air quality plans and actions
- Do air quality plans with greater depth/breadth of engagement contribute to improved outcomes for local populations, and reduced health inequalities?

Looking ahead

- Continuing to plan and develop longer term research on priority issues related to EPHC objectives (e.g. social prescribing)
- Exploring research idea focused on community responses to COVID-19 outbreak
- Identification of future priorities (year 2 and beyond)