

Inequality & Children and Young People –Sheffield City Council's Response

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Measuring the Impact

- 13 mini Rapid Health Impact Assessments (2020). Commissioned by the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- Sheffield Covid Inequalities Impact Review Report (2022)
- 6 themes: digital exclusion, access to food and essential supplies, access to V & I and healthcare, loneliness and social support, housing and green spaces, employment and income
- Provides insight to inform the city's work on health inequalities, prevention and recovery
- Separate review of impacts recommended for children and young people recognising disproportionate impact of COVID

Public Health Response

- Strategic leadership of multi-agency partnerships eg Health and Wellbeing Strategy, reducing infant mortality, tobacco control, oral health
- Commissioning/influencing key services : 0-19 service, smoking, sexual health, substance misuse, Start Well Sheffield.
- Proportionate universalism – focus on most disadvantaged
- Vaccinations and immunisations - improving access for underserved communities
- Community and voluntary sector engagement, PH BAME Inequalities Communities Group, cultural competency
- Influencing the commercial determinants of health eg SCC's advertising & sponsorship policy

Wider Council Support for Children and Families

Early Years' Support through Family Centres

Increase access to free early learning

Collaboration with communities including early years' volunteers

Targeted services for disadvantaged or vulnerable families eg doula support, MAST

Work with schools to improve access to education for children with special educational needs

Interventions to support young people's mental wellbeing

Training and development for staff to raise awareness of ACEs.

Work with the Children in Care Council

Wider Action to Tackle Poverty and Economic Hardship

- Establish an 'incident management' response to the Cost of Living crisis
- Emergency financial support for households who need it most, including the Household Support Fund and £150 Council Tax 'rebate'.
- Promote access to money advice including the Sheffield Money Support website and Sheffield Credit Union.
- £200K allocated in SCC 22/23 to help families access food and build long-term access to healthy food.
- Continued work on developing the Poverty Action Plan
- Longer-term actions will include work with partners to promote an inclusive economy and reduce socio-economic and health inequalities