

Making Research Count Northern Hub Newsletter 2



1. MRC Yorkshire and the Humber 2019/20 Programme for Adults and Children's Services Revised to take account of Covid-19 Pandemic

The following materials and events will shortly be available to subscribing partners; if your local authority has a subscription to MRC these events will be promoted further via your CPD leads. All other interested delegates please email spsw-mrc@york.ac.uk for details of how you can participate

I. County Lines

The Origins, Spread and Impact of County Lines Drug Dealing; John Pitts Vauxhall Professor of Socio-Legal Studies; pdf of presentation slides

County Lines resource list; a comprehensive reference document including links to research, articles and other resource materials

II. Loneliness

Recordings of 2 presentations;

Mark Wilberforce (University of York), **Isolation and loneliness in people with sight loss in care homes** (the INSIGHT project)

Paul Willis (University of Bristol), **Older men at the margins: a study of older men's experiences of seeking social engagement and combating loneliness in later life**

III. 21st Century Contact

We have two events with Jenny Simpson, University of Northampton

Young People In Care and Their Contact with Birth Families Via Mobile Communication Devices;

Recording of a webinar

The internet and social media; challenges for social services; recording of a webinar, followed by a bookable, interactive online session with Jenny to discuss practitioner experiences.

IV. Understanding and Supporting Young People with harmful sexual behaviour

Slide presentations with voice overs, from Tracy Almond, University of York and Adrian Smith, Yorkshire and Humber Forensic CAMHS

2. Responses to Covid19: Reflections from ongoing research & practice' taking place this Friday 12th June, 12.00 - 13.30.

MRC has a limited number of places at this event. The event will take place in Zoom. The Zoom event link and password will be provided on registration [Click to Register](#)

The event brings together SPSW (and alumni) researchers and practitioners, including staff and students, reflecting on covid-19 responses. It aims to share ongoing research and practice experiences and in identifying the effectiveness of emergency interventions across a range of social policy, social work and criminal justice related topics. It also aims to identify the key challenges ahead including how the welfare system should adapt and the implications that this might have both locally and nationally.

Please, join the discussion with (in alphabetical order):

I. Caron Davison, BA in Social Work finalist - **New challenges for vulnerable people: a social work response**

II. Jennifer McNally, Lecturer in Social Work - **Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards and COVID-19: are we protecting P?**

III. Jed Meers, Lecturer, York Law School - **Law and Compliance during Covid-19**

IV. Nicholas Preece, Research Champion for Justice & Equality- **Homelessness, housing and the built environment**

V. Gail Williams, BA in Social Policy finalist - **'Never had to claim welfare before': Reflections from helping people to know what they are entitled of**

VI. Joseph Williscroft, BA in Social and Political Sciences finalist - **The challenges of policing the lockdown and the changes we've had to implement as a result of COVID-19**

3. Towards a new community social work

Our colleague at the University of York, Professor Martin Webber, blogs on 'Towards a new community social work'

[Towards a new community social work](#)

4. How is the benefits system responding to the coronavirus pandemic?

Colleagues at the University of Salford have received funding to investigate how the benefits system is responding to the coronavirus pandemic, and whether people receiving benefits such as Universal Credit are getting the income and employment support they need as the crisis unfolds.

[Funding awarded to investigate benefits support during the COVID-19 crisis](#)

5. Open lectures from University of York; Exposing the hidden consequences of food insecurity

[Watch again - YorkTalks 2020: Exposing the hidden consequences of food insecurity](#)

6. Skills for Care provide Covid-19 updates for social work

[COVID-19 updates for social work](#)

7. Mental health

Professor Martin Webber of the University of York interviews Jonny Lovell about his research on sharing lived experience in mental health services and the importance of conducting practice research

[Sharing lived experience](#)

8. NIHR/School for Social Care research webinar series

The next webinar takes place on **9 June 2020** focusing on loneliness. Speakers include:

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- Paul Willis (University of Bristol), Older men at the margins: a study of older mens' experiences of seeking social engagement and combating loneliness in later life
<https://www.sscr.nihr.ac.uk/nihr-sscr-webinar-series-starting-12-may-2020/>

9. Free course from the University of York ; Digital Wellbeing

Do digital technologies affect our wellbeing? Explore the concepts of health, relationships and society in the digital age. [Digital Wellbeing - Online Course](#)

10 Even in a pandemic, young people are still exploited by county lines drug gangs

[Read an article](#) in the British Medical Journal by our colleague Ian Hamilton, Senior Lecturer in Addiction and Mental Health, Department of Health Sciences, University of York