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Outcome and Impact of the Pandemic

Diversity, Inclusion & Inequalities

A snapshot of Experiences of Lockdown



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“The Hardest Hit”!



- **Disabled and/or Older People**
 - 6 out of 10 deaths
 - Long term health conditions
 - Cancelled treatments/delays
 - Extant long term inequalities
 - Co-morbidity issues
 - Disability and poverty
- **BAME communities**
 - Higher death rates than white people

First wave:

 - Black African men 3.7 x (women 2.6x)
 - Bangladeshi men 3x (women 1.9x)
 - Black Caribbean men 2.7x (women 1.8)
 - Pakistani men 2.2x (women 2.0x)

Second wave

Increased rate in Bangladeshi and Pakistani communities:

 - Bangladeshi 5 x (women 4.1x)

“The Hardest Hit”

- **Young People:**

- Pay reductions
- Furloughed
- No job
- Disruptive education
- Resulting in higher risk of longer term health and employment prospects

- **Women**

- More likely to be carers
 (“Shouldering the responsibility of care work”)
- More likely to be home educators
- More likely to be in insecure jobs
- Less income

Complex lives..



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Same ol' same ol'



“So today, as usual, I delayed getting up for as long as possible”

“ Shadows of their former selves”

“As I remember what has happened today it dawned on me how similar this Wednesday has been to every other Wednesday...”

Experiences of Lockdown

“I didn’t leave the
house”

“It was hard not
seeing people”



A quieter time for some was welcome

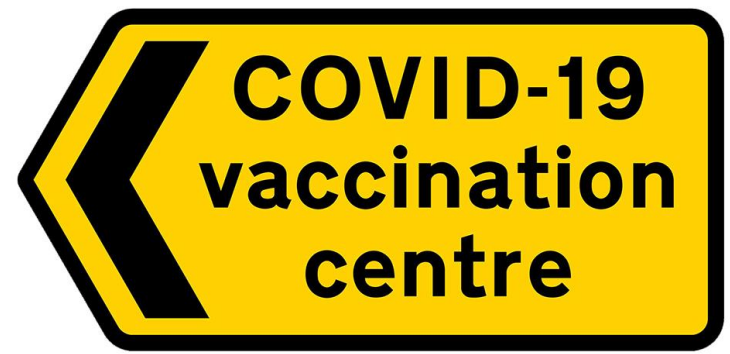
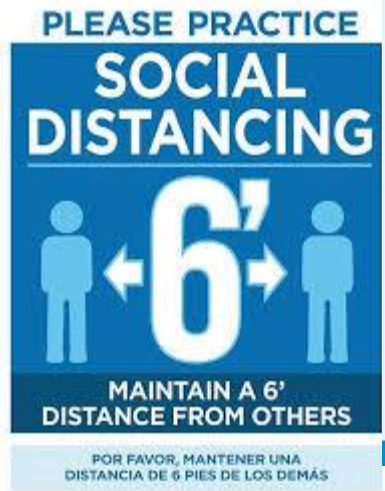
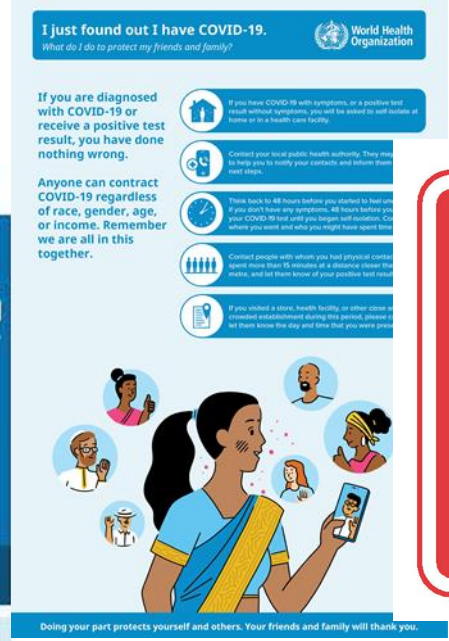
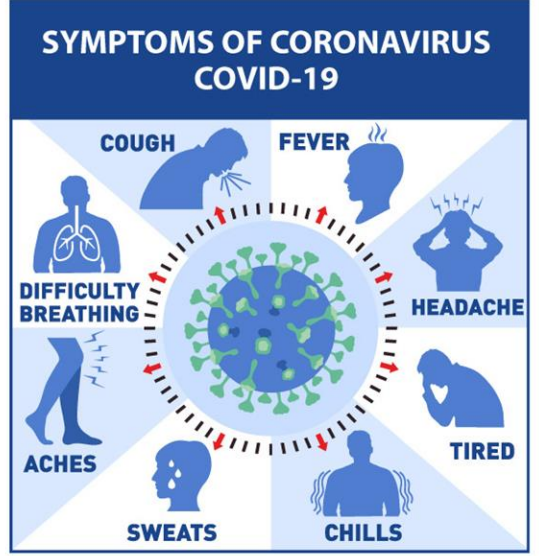
“...It has helped my mental health, it gave me time to reflect and deal with some issues”

“ I went out for walks..”





Confusion!



Experiences of Lockdown (cont..)



“The messages were really confusing – it really freaked me out! The signs everywhere..it felt that they were more of a trigger”

Experiences of Lockdown (cont..)



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Positive Experiences

- *“Online I’ve managed to stay in touch (because of my tech knowledge and equipment). In the ’90s it would have been very different”*
- *“The tablet project gave us access to the outside world”*



Experiences of Lockdown (Summary of Key issues)

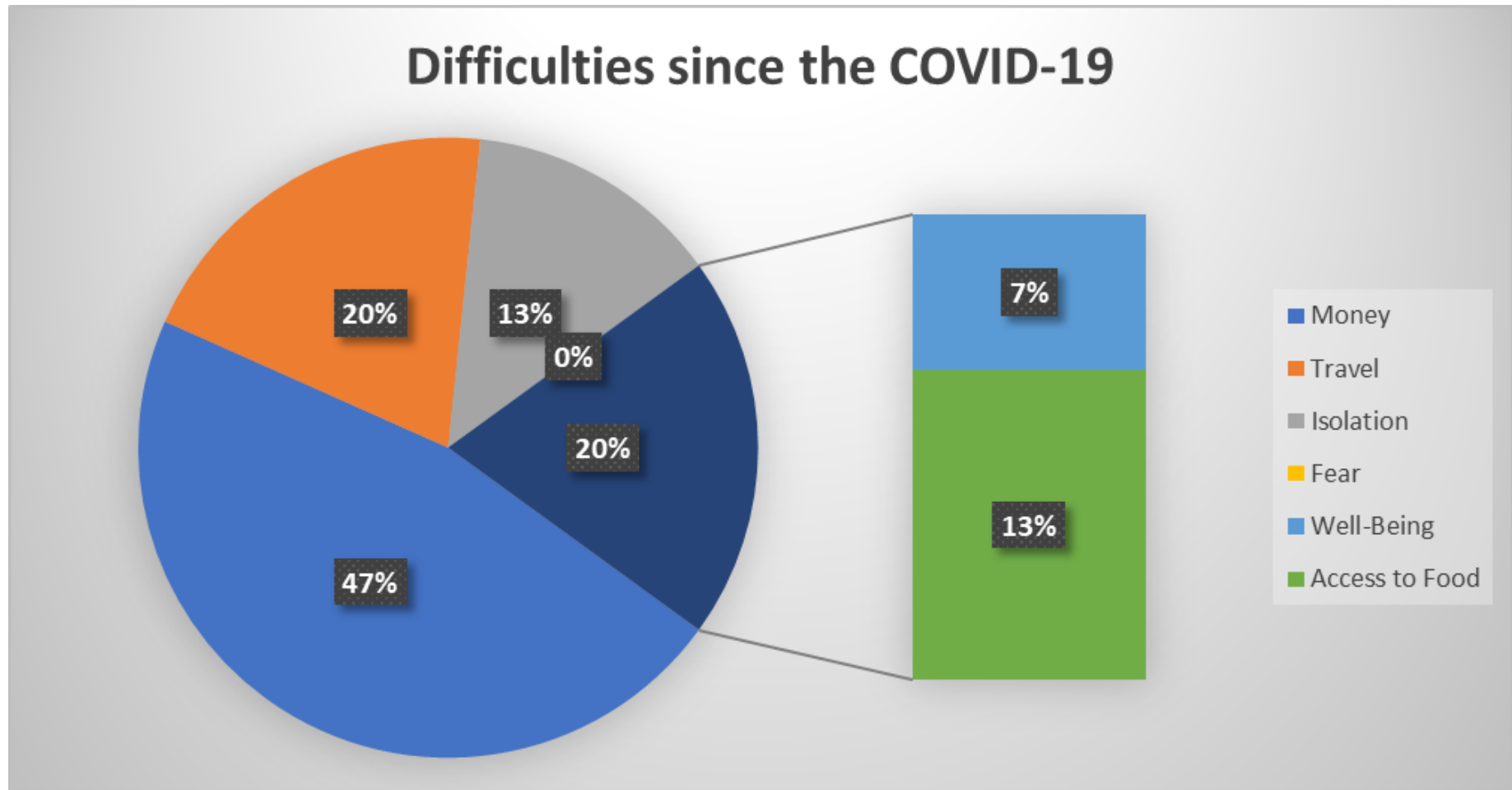


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- Technology
- Anxiety
- Confusion
- Communication
- Lack of access to health & social care and procedures
- Trust and False narratives!
- Food
- Furlough
- Education, Jobs, Income!



BEAC Survey (CABAD)



True Partnership in action!



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- Support across VCS, BMDC, CCG, Public Health
- £49,000 raised to research, programme and distribute 1300 tablets
- Recipients included:
 - Care homes
 - Asylum Seekers
 - People with LD
 - People in recovery
 - Mental Health Service users

True Partnership ..

A community led response



REN: Covid prevention project:

- 26 grassroots orgs involved
- Supported 25878 people
- Recruited 153 volunteers
- Support in 13 languages
- 11 Helplines
- Reached 2.5 people on Youtube
- Worked in 11 Wards

Race Equality Network

One Year of Lockdown

23 March 2020 - 23 March 2021



Taking the message to the community



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#GetVaccinated

Why did you have the vaccine?

"I had the vaccine to protect myself as I've been treated for liver cancer in the past but also to protect my family and the possibility to be able to see my grandkids grow is exciting."

How are you feeling now?

"Hardly felt the injection and was fine first couple of days - no aches or fever. On the 3rd day I developed a bit of a sore area around the site but feel fine now."

What would you say to someone who is nervous about having the vaccine?

"Me and my beautiful mother have both received different vaccines and both are fine. The vaccines are halal and safe to take. Having the opportunity to save lives is a blessing. Preservation of life is first and foremost in any religion. Please do not listen to fake news - do your own research and make an informed choice."



Shabana Begum, Karmand Community Centre



Shabana's mother

The things “we” did..

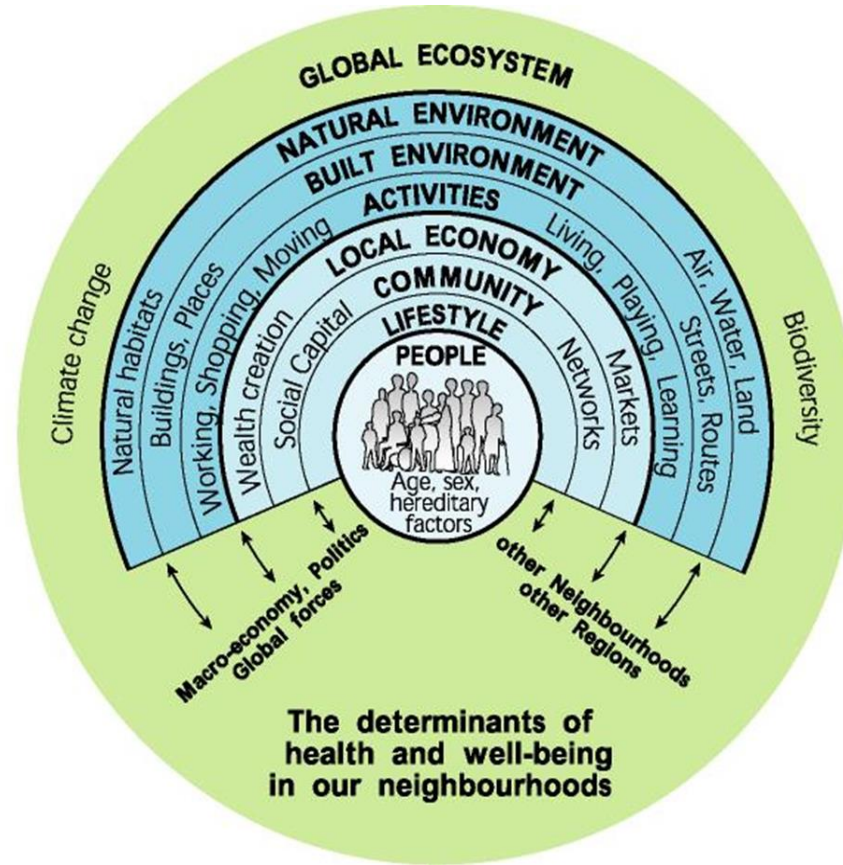
- Delivered the right message (doorstep/phone/text/youtube)
- Tens of thousands of Hotmeals
- Ditto Hygiene packs
- Befriending
- Animated videos
- Online worship
- Keeping us active
- Online classes
- Clothing bank
- Wrap around DV service
- Working together and valuing our strengths



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The Challenge

- “Build back Better!”
- Reduction in Universal Credit
- Hospital/GP waiting lists
- Social Care waiting lists
- Housing & Homelessness
(ban on evictions lifted)
- Anxiety
- Disrupted Education
- Jobs
- Economy
- Poverty
- “The wider determinants”



Coming out of Lockdown (Looking forward...)

Themes

- Family & Friends
- Socialising
- Activities
- Culture/Events

“..Seeing my daughter..but she seems reluctant to see me face to face”

“..Having a meal with my parents”

“Being back at BTM properly”

“I’m going to invite everyone to my birthday party”

“My local cricket club is now open. I’m going there... for a glass of wine”

If you were in charge..



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“I’d see everyone as an individual and respect them ”

I’d make sure there were safe spaces for people like me who are struggling to get back to normal..”

“I’d make sure there were news bulletins that everyone could understand”

“I think we should all carry on social distancing”

I want information in EasyRead. Then we will know what’s going on and what to do. It’s not scary then”

“Everyone needs to have the vaccine and everyone should be tested before they go abroad”

“I would make sure everyone is safe. I’d make sure the government are doing what they are supposed to be doing”

“I’d organise a trip for everyone. I’m going to speak to the Government!”

Thank you!

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Equality Together

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Racial Equality Together



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