

State of Sheffield 2020

The Impacts of Covid-19 on the People of Sheffield



Structure of the report

Headline Impacts and the Big Picture



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The impact of COVID-19 on Sheffield and our communities

COVID-19 CASES.

- 36,371 identified COVID-19 cases
- 437 COVID-19 related deaths

Groups affected:
COVID-19 disproportionately affected older people, men, lower socio-economic groups & BAMER communities

SHEFFIELD RESPONSE.

- 1000s of people volunteering in community hubs
- 10,000 calls taken by Sheffield City Council's COVID-19 support line
- 6,198 businesses in Sheffield have been supported by grants totalling over £100m

IMPACT ON SHEFFIELD.

- Everyday lives**
Quick, efficient community sector response to support vulnerable groups
20,000 new claims for Universal Credit
Devastating impact on voluntary & community sector income - at least 20% decrease in funding
- People's potential**
53,000 workers furloughed (17.7% of working population)
Children & young people's education and mental health affected
Digital exclusion affecting vulnerable
- City Life**
86% of businesses reduced operations or temporarily ceased trading
Traffic dropped by 80%; emissions dropped by 63%; active travel increased 20%
Arts, entertainment and recreation sector reported highest number (48%) of businesses to cease trading

Sheffield In Focus: People's Everyday Lives

This section describes some of the most fundamental impacts on people's health, basic needs and daily life. It also shows how the city has come together to respond to this.



Sheffield In Focus: Impacts on People's Potential

- *This section looks at the longer-term impacts on the future prospects of many in our city, it describes what has happened around the business and the economy, education, skills and the impacts on young people in particular.*

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Sheffield In Focus: City Life

- *This section explores many of the physical impacts on life in Sheffield, such as travel and air quality, as well as the barriers which many have faced in terms of accessing social life, cultural opportunities and services which are fundamental to city life.*



Key Findings

- **Covid has exacerbated inequalities** - everyone in the city has been touched in some way by this crisis, but it has also exacerbated our existing inequalities, with those who were already most vulnerable - those living in poverty, people who are disabled and/or from Black and Minority Ethnic backgrounds being disproportionately affected.
- **The impact is still unfolding** - the impacts of the crisis are still emerging and there will be many new challenges to come - including the unfolding economic crisis and the continuing impacts on education, employment and mental health.
- **We are a resilient city** - Sheffield's strength and resilience has continued to shine through over these past few months, with communities and organisations of all kinds working together to look after each other and our most vulnerable residents in particular.
- **Future areas of focus** – including poverty, education and skills, mental health & Wellbeing

Lessons

- **We're stronger together** - building on the strong foundation of partnership working that we have seen throughout the crisis - strengthening and investing in the assets we need to underpin this.
- **Our recovery must be intelligence-led** - using this evidence base widely across the city to focus on the areas where we can quickly respond and make a difference
- **Recovery starts with communities** - influencing locally and nationally to make sure that these voices and experiences are heard in every forum and that our plans for recovery and rebuilding learn these lessons

Next Steps

- **Acting on evidence and recommendations**

Action planning, linking with existing work, endorsement of PHE recommendations on race disparities, input into the Sheffield Race Equality Commission, Rapid Health Impact Assessments

- **New spaces for leadership in the city**

Improving representation but also more and different spaces for people to inform, influence and engage with strategic conversations.

- **Building strong community engagement relationships and pathways**

People need to feel their views and experiences can really make an impact

- **Continuing to gather and share information:**

State of Sheffield 2020 website, finding new and better ways to disseminate information – to communities and leaders

- **Build a more inclusive economy**

Existing inequalities intensified, clear that an inclusive economy is integral to a successful recovery in alignment with Sheffield's values.