

# LTCcovid.org: Resources to support community and institutional responses to COVID-19

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# LTC covid aims to:

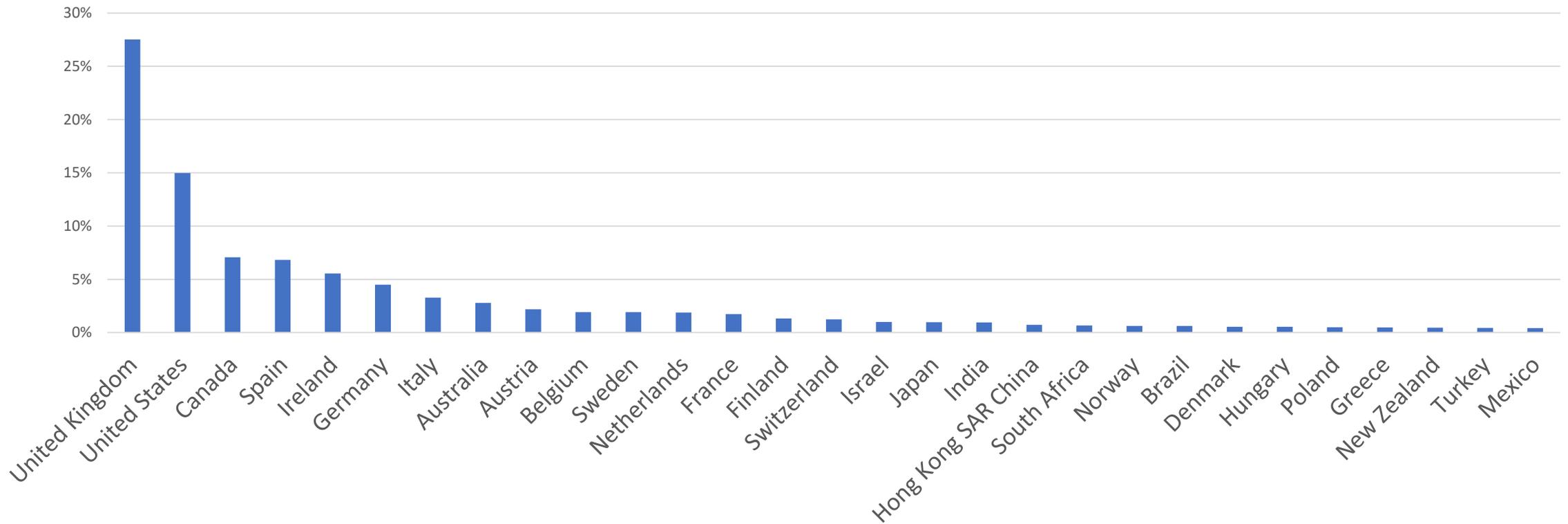
- Document the impact of COVID-19 on people who rely on long-term care (including unpaid care) and those who provide it
- Share information about policy and practice measures to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 in long-term care and gather evidence about their success or otherwise
- Analyse the longer term implications of this pandemic for long-term care policy

# What is behind this?

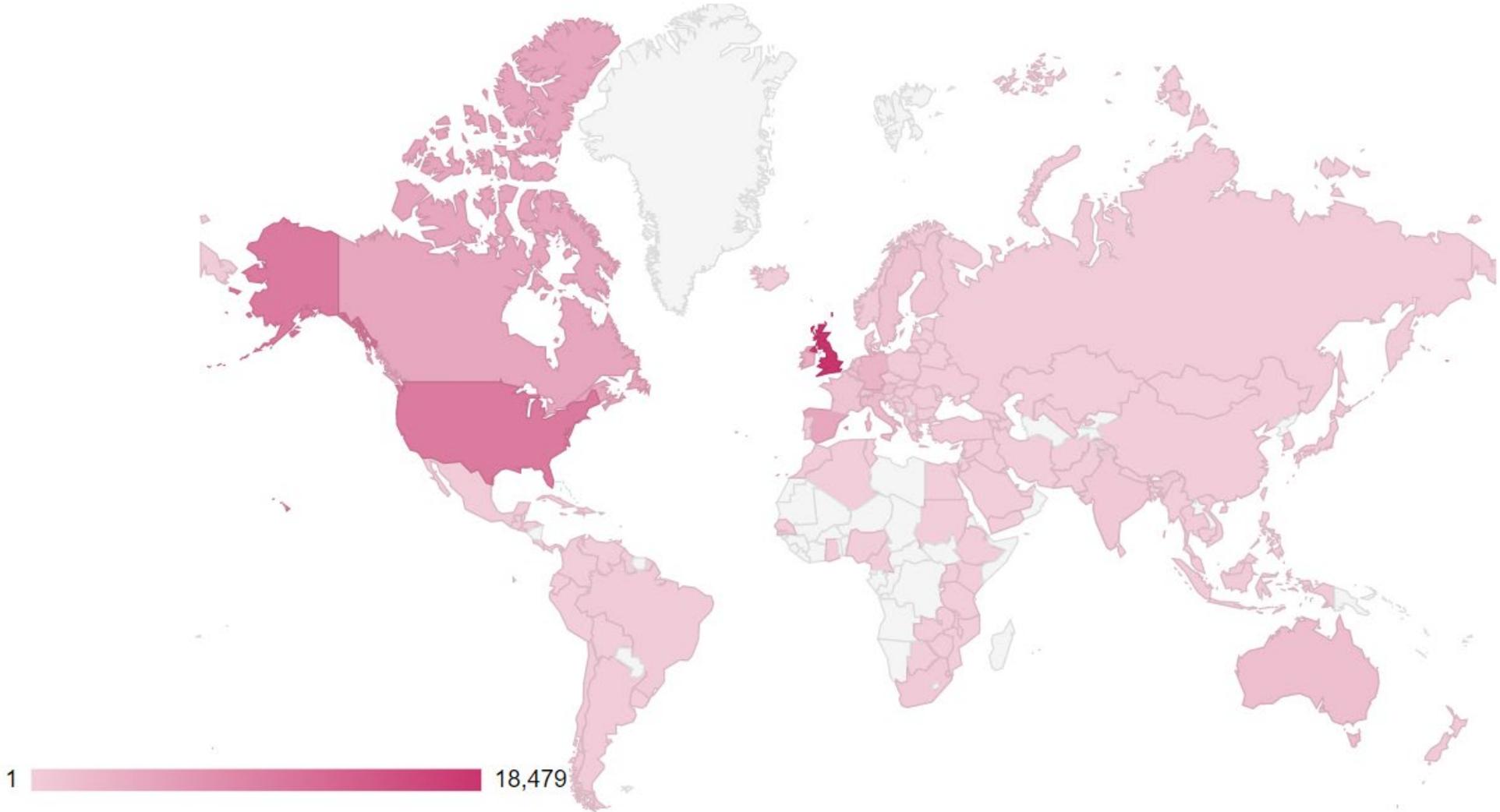
- An amazing spontaneous collaboration
- Started as a blog, initially documenting early media evidence and some short articles putting events in the context of LTC systems
- So far only funding from ILPN/CPEC to develop the website and some research assistance
- Evolving in to a policy and research resource
- Link with the Journal of Long-Term Care

# Who's using LTC covid so far?

90,376 visits, 46,408 users, 151 countries



# Almost global reach!



# Current website:

The screenshot shows the homepage of the 'LTC Responses to COVID-19' website. The header includes the logo, title, and a search bar. A navigation menu lists 'HOME', 'COUNTRY REPORTS', 'INTERNATIONAL REPORTS', 'EMERGING EVIDENCE', 'BLOG', and 'CONTACT'. Below the menu is a tagline: 'Resources to support community and institutional Long-Term Care responses to COVID-19'. The main content area is divided into three columns. The left column, 'LTCcovid aims to:', lists three bullet points: documenting impact, sharing policy/practice measures, and analyzing long-term implications. The middle column features two report cards: 'COUNTRY REPORTS' (Impact of COVID-19 long-term care system, policy and practice measures adopted, implementation challenges) and 'INTERNATIONAL REPORTS' (Cross-country reports covering data on impact of COVID-19 and policy and practice measures). The right column contains a 'Translate' section with a language selector, a 'Subscribe to updates' form with an email input and 'SUBSCRIBE' button, and a 'Tags' section listing various topics like 'Accessible information', 'Advice for carers', 'anti-stigma', 'Australia', 'Austria', 'Canada', 'Caregivers', 'care home deaths', 'care home lockdowns', 'care homes', and 'care'. Below the main content is a 'Latest Blog Posts' section with two entries: 'Updated report: Mortality associated with COVID-19 outbreaks in care homes: early international evidence' (May 4, 2020) and 'Updated report: Impact of COVID-19 on residents of Canada's long-term care homes - ongoing challenges and policy responses' (May 4, 2020).

- Country reports
- International reports
- Emerging evidence
- Blog



# Country reports

- Impact of COVID19 on care users and staff
- Brief background to the long-term care system
- Long-term care policy and practice measures
  - Whole sector measures
  - Care coordination issues
  - Care homes
  - Community-based care
  - Impact on unpaid carers and measures
  - Impact on people with intellectual disabilities
  - Impact on people living with dementia
- Lessons learnt so far
  - Short-term calls for action
  - Longer term policy implications



The COVID-19 Long-Term Care situation in Hong Kong: impact and measures

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**Itccovid.org**  
This document is available through the website [Itccovid.org](#), which was set up in March 2020 as a rapidly shared collection of resources for community and institution-based long-term care responses to Covid-19. The website is hosted by CPEC at the London School of Economics and Political Science and draws on the resources of the International Long Term Care Policy Network.

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# Country coverage

- Full country reports for: Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, China, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Italy, the Netherlands, Slovenia, South Korea, USA
- Under preparation: Denmark, England, Finland, Greece, India, Indonesia, Japan, Jamaica, Kenya, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Portugal, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sweden
- Other countries welcome!

# International learning: thematic reports

*So far:*

- Care home mortality
- End of life care in care homes
- Measures to prevent and manage outbreaks in care homes

*Under preparation:*

- Measures to maintain community-based care and protect users & staff
- Unpaid carers
- People living with Dementia
- People with Intellectual Disabilities

# Coming soon:

## **EVIDENCE mapping and summaries:**

- Searchable evidence summaries, produced via a “live” systematic review
- Will track both evolution of evidence base (from newspaper reports to epidemiological/impact studies (academic/statistical offices), to evaluations of measures or interventions
- Will produce jargon-free research summaries

## **SEARCHABLE RESOURCE DATABASE**

- New partnership with SIIS

# More themes to explore?

- Role of information systems covering LTC users & staff (or lack of)
- Financing (short-term and long-term issues)
- Boundaries: diff gov departments, diff levels of governments
- Workforce: from pay and conditions to immigration policies
- Physical fabric of care homes
- Market characteristics of care home sector (public/private/profit, concentration of ownership)

# Successes so far:

- Raised public and policy awareness of impact on COVID-19 on people in care homes (great partnership with media!)
- Beginning to raise awareness of that large number of deaths in care homes are not inevitable
- Hopefully also raised awareness of long-standing problems with the long-term care sector
- An amazing collaboration (and a good way to channel angst among many of us!)

# Next webinars: offers to present welcome!

25<sup>th</sup> May (2pm UK time):

**Eric Fewster:** *title to be confirmed*

1<sup>st</sup> May (2pm UK time):

**Hongsoo Kim:** The COVID-19 long-term care situation in South Korea: progress and future agenda