LTCCOVID LIVING INTERNATIONAL REPORT ON COVID-19 AND LONG-TERM CARE

International workshop on COVID-19 and Long-Term Care systems: What have we learnt and what policies do we need to strengthen LTC systems?

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THE “STORY” OF LTCCCOVID.ORG

An amazing spontaneous collaboration, started in March 2020

Started as a blog, initially documenting early media evidence and reports putting events in the context of LTC systems

Supported by International Long-Term Care Policy Network/CPEC to develop the website and research assistance

Currently also supported through Social Care COVID Recover & Resilience project (NIHR-funded, until June 2022)

Growing number of publications from international collaborations (mortality, visiting, sector of ownership….)
ALMOST GLOBAL REACH!

- 376,319 visits
- from 207 countries/territories
- 986 subscribers
WHAT’S IN LTCCOVID.ORG?
INTRODUCING:
LTCCOVID INTERNATIONAL LIVING REPORT
ON COVID-19 AND LONG-TERM CARE

A “wiki” style collaborative report that can be added to and updated directly by contributors

64 questions/topics that can be answered for every country/region in the world

Contributor profiles to recognize expertise and showcase other publications, etc.

Possibility to expand the questions in the living report to support other research collaborations

If you are interested in being a contributor, please email: a.comas@lse.ac.uk
QUESTIONS INFORMED BY:

- 33 LTC covid country reports
- Social Care COVID-19 Recovery & Resilience Theory of Change
- Other literature on COVID-19 and LTC
- Inspiration from https://eurohealthobservatory.who.int
THEORY OF CHANGE TO MAP A PATH TOWARDS RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE

Social Care COVID Recovery and Resilience project

PROJECT AIMS:

To draw lessons for policy and practice from international Covid-19 experience & scientific evidence to support the English social care sector:

To **recover** from Covid-19 in the short-term

To be able to better **withstand** future waves of Covid-19/similar shocks in the medium-term

To become more **resilient** in the long-term
SOCIAL CARE COVID RECOVERY & RESILIENCE THEORY OF CHANGE

Theory of Change workshop with a wide range of stakeholders involved in social care in England (including experts by experience)

Mapping a path towards a situation in which:

- The social care sector in England is resilient and able to withstand ongoing and future shocks, and is well prepared for future infectious disease outbreaks
- People who are supported by LTC can recover from the impacts of the pandemic, can maintain their autonomy and are enabled to live independent and fulfilling lives
- Providers of LTC (including unpaid carers) can recover from the impacts of the pandemic and have a good quality of life & wellbeing, and decent work
People who use social care understand and voice their rights.

Partnership between local and national social care providers allows for COVID-related evidence to be available.

Voice of people who use social care is heard and respected.

Sector learns from evidence and experience, including that of users and frontline staff.

Successful innovations are kept.

Learning from the pandemic leads to increased public and political will for reform.

New National settlement addresses governance, funding, data, coverage.

Sector can respond to changing COVID situation.

Sector is able to support people who use & provide care to recover.

The social care sector in England is able to recover from COVID and be resilient in the short term.

Successful innovations & good practice are embedded.

Increased understanding and valuing of social care leads to urgency in addressing problems.

Evidence is available and used.

Stakeholders are involved in national settlement.

Political will for reform.

Policy with for reform.

Evidence is used.

Evidence is collected.

Sector learns from evidence and experience.

People who use social care understand and voice their rights.

People who provide or use care were affected by COVID are supported.

Sector builds on COVID innovations.

Consolidated and clear pandemic-related guidance is implemented.

Needs focused funding.

Evidence-based and co-developed vaccination policies are produced.

People who provide and use care and were affected by COVID are supported.

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INTERNATIONAL LIVING REPORT:

• Part 1 – Long-Term Care System characteristics and preparedness
• Part 2 – Impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on people who use and provide Long-Term Care
• Part 3 – Measures adopted to minimize the impact the pandemic on people who use and provide Long-Term Care
• Part 4 – Reforms to address structural weaknesses of Long-Term Care systems and improve preparedness for future pandemics and other emergencies
• https://ltccovid.org/international-living-report-covid-ltc/
WHAT NEXT?

• How much can we complete?
  • 842 questions answered so far (many can be improved and updated)
  • If we had all questions for all countries in the world: 16,192 (not including sub-national!)… so 5.2% completed so far

• Hoping it will be useful to help people find your work

• And hoping it will contribute to the efforts, not only to mitigate the impacts of COVID, but to re-imagine and improve care by supporting learning from the experience of other countries