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## INTRODUCTION

This is the seventh weekly literature report from the Public Health England Behavioural Science Reference Cell. The report aims to highlight a selection of COVID-19 related work in the field of behavioural and social science (mostly) released from the 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Please note the report does is not a perfect product and the inclusion or omission of a publication should not be viewed as an endorsement or rejection by PHE. Additionally, the authors of this report do not accept responsibility for the availability, reliability or content of the items included in this report and do not necessarily endorse the views expressed within them.

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## HIGHLIGHTS

As we know how time pressured everyone is at the moment, the authors of the digest have selected three recommended items from the lists below. This week these are:

1. [The mental health effects of the first two months of lockdown and social distancing during the Covid-19 pandemic in the UK](#), James Banks et al., Institute for Fiscal Studies, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020.
2. [In Focus: Gender equality matters in COVID-19 response](#), UN women.
3. [Behavioural Science - Help or Hindrance?](#), CoronaNomics, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

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## RESEARCH PAPERS

### Pre-prints (not peer-reviewed)

[How is the COVID-19 pandemic affecting cooperation?](#), Jessica Ayers et al., PsyArXiv Preprints, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

[Mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic in two longitudinal UK population cohorts](#), Alex Siu Fung Kwong et al., medRxiv, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

[Reframing the psychological impact of the COVID-19 outbreak through a social media community for students](#), Francesco Pagnini et al., PsyArXiv Preprints, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

[Mental health service activity during COVID-19 lockdown: South London and Maudsley data on working age community and home treatment team services and mortality from February to mid-May 2020](#), Robert Stewart et al., medRxiv, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

[Publish or perish: Reporting Characteristics of Peer-reviewed publications, pre-prints and registered studies on the COVID-19 pandemic](#), Silvia Gianola et al., medRxiv, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

[They stumble that run fast: the economic and COVID-19 transmission impacts of reopening industries in the US](#), Marita Zimmermann et al., medRxiv, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

## Published

Age-dependent Effects in the Transmission and Control of COVID-19 Epidemics, Nicholas G. Davies et al., Nature Medicine, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

COVID-19 in context: Why do people die in emergencies? It's probably not because of collective psychology, John Drury et al., British Journal of Social Psychology, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

The Covid-19 'infodemic': a new front for information professionals, Salman Bin Naeem et al., Health Information & Libraries Journal, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Prisoners in a pandemic: We should think about detainees during Covid-19 outbreak, Pamela Tozzo et al., Forensic Science International: Synergy, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020.

The Outbreak of Coronavirus Disease in China: Risk Perceptions, Knowledge, and Information Sources Among Prenatal and Postnatal Women, Tsorng-Yeh Lee et al., Woman Birth, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

What should be done to support the mental health of healthcare staff treating COVID-19 patients?, Derek K. Tracy et al., The British Journal of Psychiatry, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

A wake-up call: COVID-19 and its impact on children's health and wellbeing, Henrietta H Fore, The Lancet: Global Health, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

I need you closer to me: Effects of affiliation goals on perceptions of interpersonal distance, Mariëlle Stel et al., European Journal of Social Psychology, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

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## COMMENTARIES, STATEMENTS, POSITION PAPERS, AND GREY LITERATURE

Impacts of social isolation among disadvantaged and vulnerable groups during public health crises, Charlotte Gayer-Anderson et al., King's College London, June 2020.

Men's health: COVID-19 pandemic highlights need for overdue policy action, Peter Baker et al., The Lancet, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

## UNCLASSIFIED

Covid-19 could widen mental health inequalities for a generation, warns charity,  
Abi Rimmer, BMJ, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Creating misinformation: how a headline in The BMJ about covid-19 spread virally,  
Maike Winters et al., BMJ, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Covid-19: social distancing or social isolation?, Rajeev Gupta et al., BMJ, 18<sup>th</sup>  
June 2020.

Health professionals should use their voice to advocate for breathing space in  
our cities after covid-19, Deepa Shah et al., BMJ, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

COVID-19: understanding the impact on BAME communities, Public Health  
England, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Medicine during covid-19—the healing touch without the human touch, Trupti  
Gilada, BMJ, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

The mental health effects of the first two months of lockdown and social  
distancing during the Covid-19 pandemic in the UK, James Banks et al.,  
Institute for Fiscal Studies, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

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## **BLOGS**

Resilience through internationalisation, Günter M. Ziegler et al., University of  
Edinburgh COVID-19 response, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Recommendations to promote an effective multi-agency response, Louise  
Davidson et al., Crisis Response, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

An Imbalance in the Scales, Anthony B. Masters, Medium, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Covid-19 and new struggles over gender and social justice, Chloe Skinner, The  
Institute of Development Studies, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020.

The community response to coronavirus (COVID-19), Jude Stansfield et al.,  
Public health matters blog, Public Health England, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020.

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## **PODCASTS, WEBINARS, AND RECORDINGS**

Bristol Research: the Digital Fireside, University of Bristol, ongoing.

Behavioural Science - Help or Hindrance?, CoronaNomics, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

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Nudgestock 2020, Nudgestock Global, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

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### **NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AND OTHER JOURNALISM**

I'm proud to be a scientist in Sage – to call us 'secretive' is unjustified, Ian Boyd, Opinion in The Guardian, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

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### **MISCELLANEOUS**

In Focus: Gender equality matters in COVID-19 response, UN women.

NHS CHECK, Survey on Health & Experiences of staff working at NHS Trusts, King's College London, ongoing.

COVID-19: Psychological Impact, Wellbeing and Mental Health, developed by Maudsley Learning and The Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust, Future Learn.

COVID-19: Psychological First Aid, developed by Public Health England, Future Learn.

Avoid the "Three Cs"!, Poster from the Prime Minister's Office of Japan.