APPENDIX A: Mapping of related work

Overview

As part of the scoping phase for the Housing Issues & Priorities during COVID-19 project, commissioned by the London Public Health System Resilience Leadership Group, a rapid mapping exercise was undertaken to capture related work that was underway at national, regional and local levels.

The purpose of this paper is to share the results of this rapid mapping. It summarises some key resources that are available and outlines what work is currently underway under two categories: research and analysis; and practice and support. It is not intended to be a comprehensive map of all related work, but a snapshot of initiatives relevant to the project and its key stakeholders.

The mapping exercise was undertaken from June to August 2020 and will not be updated. With, projects changing so rapidly in response to the pandemic this map only reflects the position at the time the mapping was undertaken.

The contact details for the projects have been omitted for data protection purposes, so if you would like an introduction to a work stream lead please email katrina.mclarty@nhs.net

Key resources

Examples of work completed by various stakeholders to assess social and economic vulnerability to COVID-19 include:

- Compilation of data to help understand population groups at risk:
  - British Red Cross: Covid-19 Vulnerability Index;
  - Resolution Foundation: Coronavirus survey;
  - Joseph Rowntree Foundation: Research on furloughed private renters;
  - Understanding Society: COVID-19;
  - GLA: COVID-19 Death Mapping Tool.

- Descriptions of dimensions of vulnerability outside of the shielded population to help inform a local area response:
  - LGA: Protecting Vulnerable Groups during the Covid-19 outbreak;
  - Institute of Fiscal Studies: Analysis on ethnic group vulnerability;
  - PHE: Review of disparities in risks and outcomes;
  - New Policy Institute: People and places in London most vulnerable to COVID-19 and its social and economic consequences.

No.	Work Stream	Organisational Lead	Work Stream Brief Description	Level	Timeline
1. Research & Analysis					
1.1	Effective use of data for integrated and preventative services	LB Barking and Dagenham	Using predictive analytics by monitoring the factors that appear in previous homelessness to identify changes in risk profiles and trigger a case review.	Local	Ongoing
1.2	Data linking	LB Newham	Linking ONS COVID death data to; • PRS premises • Overcrowding data • Poor AQ • Incidences of infection • Long term conditions e.g. diabetes/ respiratory condition • Poverty • Ethnicity	Local	Ongoing
1.3	Rapid review	Southwark Council	Undertook a rapid review of housing and health issues in Southwark related to COVID-19. COVID-19 Rapid Impact Assessment considers economic impacts of housing and has identified 4 key risk groups: NRPF, people who have lost jobs due to COVID, people with reduced hours/ pay due to COVID and the homeless.	Local	Complete
1.4	Vulnerable groups in the PRS	The Greater London Authority (GLA)	Produced evidence of the geographical areas in which vulnerable PRS tenants are concentrated within London. Was originally developed to inform geographical targeting of marketing for the Rogue Landlord Checker.	Regional	Complete
1.5	Data collection on housing needs	London Councils	Weekly data collection on wider housing need shared at and an aggregated level for London.	Regional	Ongoing

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1.6	Housing Policies & the COVID-19 Pandemic	UK Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence (CaCHE)	Providing an understanding of the housing policy changes in response to the virus. A core objective is to understand the trajectory policies take over space and time. The work has 5 themes, two of which are most relevant: • The rented sector, evictions and activism. Economy Strand: Incomes, Housing Payments & the Market.	National	May 2020 – August 2021
1.7	SHED Charity Report	The Good Law Project	Reviewed the impact of COVID-19 on private rented housing and renters. Their paper made recommendation to the charity that included awareness campaigns for both renters and landlords as well as further training for the Police to better respond to illegal eviction calls.	National	Complete
1.8	Housing Research: PRS Programme	Nationwide Foundation	Charitable foundation that funds research on housing. There are 3 programmes of work in this area, one being focused on the PRS. For this area they are building the evidence base around 4 key issues in the PRS to inform policy. They are; access, affordability, conditions and security of tenure. One of their projects is interviewing landlords and lettings agencies to better understand their motivations to help inform interventions. Secondary data analysis is also underway to understand who is in the bottom half of the PRS and to shine a light on issues in the sector. A report is due in early 2021 and owing to timings of the research will include a COVID perspective.	National	Ongoing
1.9	Lockdown and Housing conditions	Northern Housing Consortium	Following an All-Party Parliamentary Group recommendation, the Northern Housing Consortium is working in partnership with the University of Huddersfield on a new research project which will explore the impact of Northerner's homes on their experience of lockdown. This will include issues like the standard and quality of homes, overcrowding and access to outdoor space. The research team will undertake interviews with residents, and professionals working in agencies across the North of England.	Regional	Ongoing
1.10	Landlord Poll	National Residential Landlords Association (NRLA)	Independent polling for the National Residential Landlords Association (NRLA) of more than 2,000 tenants across England and Wales.	National	Complete
1.11	Predictive modelling	Bloomberg Associates	Working on developing a strategy to address rough sleeping across London and are modelling the potential flow to the street for the coming year.	Regional	Ongoing

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1.12	Demand analysis	Citizens Advice	Citizens Advice undertook an analysis of their webpages. In July 2020 they reported that views of website pages dealing with private sector rent arrears have increased by 332%, and of those dealing with getting help with renting costs have increased by 62%.	National	Complete
1.13	Activity monitoring	Crisis	Commissioned research into their frontline services to monitor activity on approaches to the service and how this has changed and responded to COVID-19. They have 150 organisations and 11 frontline services.	National	Complete
2. Practice and Support					
2.1	Protect tenants	Barking and Dagenham Council	Gathering evidence to build a case to use section 222 of the Local Government Act 1972 to protect tenants. This enables an authority, where it considers it expedient to promote or protect the interests of inhabitants of its area, to prosecute, defend or appear in legal proceedings.	Local	Ongoing
2.2	Protect PRS tenants	Camden and Islington Council	Established a PRS group with goal of maintaining tenancies, continuing enforcement and licensing landlords.

Also launched a tenant engagement project focused on addressing COVID-19 housing threats. Intended outcomes include: 1) Increased tenant awareness about who to contact for help both within the council and third sector; 2) Increased reporting of poor housing conditions and bad management practices to the council; and 3) Raised the level of tenants' knowledge about their rights and what action they can take | Local | Ongoing |
| 2.3 | Homelessness prevention | Southwark Council | Employing a proactive approach which utilises local financial vulnerability data and partnership working to identify residents who may be at risk of eviction from the PRS, to target support and advice.

See Appendix B for a full case study | Local | Ongoing |
| 2.4 | Rights of renters and landlords during coronavirus | The Greater London Authority (GLA) | Clarification of the rights of renters and landlords with links to relevant resources. | Regional | Ongoing |
| 2.5 | Homelessness prevention | LGA | Running a political leadership course to build the knowledge set and skillset to enable system change to address homelessness locally. | National | Ongoing |

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2.6	Financial vulnerability dashboard	LGA	Developing a demand dashboard with indicators of financial and welfare resilience issues so councils can predict local needs around homelessness and financial exclusions in light of COVID-19. *See Appendix C for further information*	National	Autumn 2020
2.7	Intervention timeline	LGA	Commissioned a timeline to be produced to capture all the central and local government interventions to inform council's response to financial inclusion locally and understand the impact on resident's income.	National	Developed by August 2020
2.8	Good practice guides	Chartered Institute of Housing	Resources include guides on: • Maintaining tenancies - guide for the private rented sector • Supporting tenants with rent arrears • Protection from eviction Information on housing and benefits support for migrants:	National	Ongoing
2.9	Coronavirus - if you have problems with your rented home	Citizens advice	Advice page for those having problems with their rented home because of coronavirus.	National	Complete
2.10	Housing advice: coronavirus (COVID-19)	Shelter	Advice page for those having problems with their rented home because of coronavirus.	National	Complete
2.11	Coronavirus: Latest Advice and Support	Generation Rent	Advice page for those having problems with their rented home because of coronavirus.	National	Complete
2.12	Support for tenants	Advice 4 Renters	During the eviction freeze they saw a considerable reduction in the numbers of clients that are contacting the service however this is believed to be the calm before the storm. They have been targeting vulnerable groups in Brent who they anticipate may require their services by leafleting at foodbanks and through their food parcels.	Local	Ongoing

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2.13	Housing advice, advocacy and support	Safer Renting	Training is being delivered by Safer Renting to: • Trading Standards/ Housing Officers - covers rent-to-rent scams, sub-tenancies, harassment and illegal evictions– as well as longer-term solutions for tackling rogue landlord and letting agents • Met Police - help officers better respond to illegal eviction calls, meaning renters will be better protected and have their rights upheld • Also added data gathering facilities to their case management system, capture data the impact of COVID on private renters.	Hounslow, Enfield, Waltham Forest, Havering, Lambeth and Westminster	Ongoing