

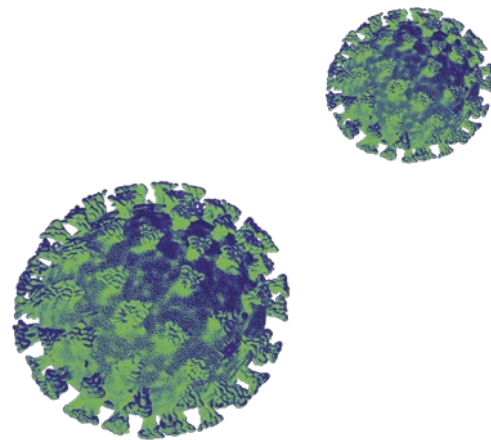
# How members of the public are involved in the WCEC

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# The Welsh Public – the real ‘why?’

**We can only ‘learn to live’ with COVID-19 by learning from those who have lived through it**

*“ How do we deal with living with covid and rebuilding people's lives...and how can we try and prevent something like this happening again? ”*

National Day of  
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# Involving the public in WCEC work

Identifying &  
Prioritising  
Questions

Are we asking the  
right research  
questions?

Which evidence is  
most important?

Supporting  
Evidence  
Reviews

What do these findings  
mean to patients &  
the public?

What difference could  
this evidence make?

Knowledge  
Mobilisation &  
Impact

Is our evidence  
understandable &  
accessible?

Sharing the evidence  
to make a difference

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# WCEC Public Partnership Group



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***Work together with the WCEC core team,  
evidence review collaborating partners, and  
other stakeholders to support all our  
processes from start to finish***



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# Role of the WCEC Public Partnership Group

## PRIORITISE

Prioritise research questions

- Questions submitted via stakeholder consultation
- Help WCEC to rank research questions identified by our stakeholders & prioritise research topics
- Approx. 2-6 hours over 6 months



## ANSWER

Evidence Review & Report process

- Support review process (each report takes 1-2 months) – refine the questions, discuss early findings, write report, recommendations
- Attend meetings with Collaborating Partner and other stakeholders
- Approx. 2-3 one-hour meetings per report



## SHARE

Lay Summary, Evidence Briefing Panels, Dissemination

- Work with Core Team to prepare 300-word public facing lay summary of our report findings
- Approx. 1-2 lay summaries per-month

The rapid review was produced in December 2021, and is available at:  
<http://www.primecentre.wales/resources/RR00026> Wales COVID-19 Evidence Centre Rapid review of Social Care Recruitment December 2021.pdf

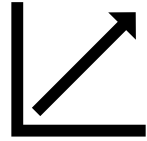


# Unequal experiences, equal involvement

## 60%

Of people who died with COVID-19 between Jan – Nov 2020 were **disabled**

Greater reduction in **access to healthcare** compared to rest of population



Greater proportion ICU admissions from **most deprived quintile** & COVID-19 mortality rate twice as high in most deprived communities.

COVID-19 mortality rate in people younger than 64 from **deprived communities** 3.7 times higher than least deprived areas

## 4 x

People from **ethnic minority communities** at higher risk of COVID-19 **mortality** during first wave – black African people 3.7 times more likely to die than white men



Prevalence of **psychological distress** among those aged **18-24** increased from 23% (2017) to 44% (April 2020)

**Employment levels** fell for those aged 18-24 by 9% compared with 0.4% for those aged 25-64

Sources:

CMO Wales Report 2021, The Health Foundation 2021, PHE 2021

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“Why public involvement in the WCEC is essential”

Thank you

Diolch yn Fawr

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