

Impact Statement

The Problem:

Coronavirus has had an unprecedented impact on children and their families across the globe. The pandemic is not only a health issue, but a societal one too – key services have been disrupted, socialisation has become increasingly digital and isolation has become a new way of life. There is a worry that COVID-19 will not only create new problems for children but will also exacerbate a range of pre-existing issues. In order to best understand what these socioeconomic issues are, and how we can work to solve them, in-depth knowledge and awareness of the **data landscape** will be critical.

The Project:

Addressing socioeconomic impacts of COVID-19 on children in Scotland: A review of capability and available data assets

This project conducted a desk-based exercise mapping the data – and details about this data – that is seen to relate to understanding more about the socioeconomic impacts of COVID19 for and on children, and by extension how to tackle them. The team also performed a literature review to set the scene regarding the existing socioeconomic issues and how these have been or might be exacerbated by the pandemic. The focus was on Scotland, but relevant international literature was incorporated as much as possible. They also reviewed existing research teams and organisations working in this area, providing insight into the capability landscape across Scotland.

The outputs of this project are:

- A report outlining existing work within the defined problem and highlighting the key data requirements for addressing similar problems within Scotland.
- A data catalogue illustrating what is currently available and what is missing to address these issues.
- A map of existing research and capability across Scottish organisations and research institutes. within the project.

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Data Details:

The data catalogue output has provided a useful tool for researchers and organisations to begin to understand what data is currently available and where there are any data gaps.

Knowing Who's Who:

The research and capability map gives a detailed overview of the variety of academics and organisations who work in this space. This will be a great tool to support future collaborations.

Helping Future Efforts:

The research landscape around COVID-19 is constantly changing. By having these point in time reference tools it may be easier for future projects to focus their efforts on how the data can be used to successfully support and improve outcomes for children. We hope this work will allow future projects to develop at the pace of the pandemic.

Next Steps:

We held a webinar with experts to identify priorities for future work and explore how the outputs of this project could be used to help organisations begin to address the data gaps in this field.