



C-WorKS: COVID-19 Consequences – Want it? or Know it? Share it!

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C-WorKS (*COVID Consequences - Want it or Know it, Share it*) is a collaborative community to share knowledge and resources about the wider consequences of COVID-19 across Yorkshire and North East. One year on since its launch in June 2020, now is a timely opportunity to recognise the importance of collaboration, and thank all our members for their contributions and dedication that has made C-WorKS happen, especially during a challenging year.

Where did C-WorKS come from?

In March 2020, stakeholders across the health and care system came together to raise concerns around the potential impacts of COVID-19 on health and wellbeing beyond rising coronavirus cases, such as disruption to healthcare, increasing health inequalities, and the negative effects on mental health. C-WorKS was launched to help connect people, resources, and identify and address wider health needs in the context of the pandemic.

Who are we?

C-WorKS membership now reaches across Yorkshire and North East local authorities, NHS, Health Education England (HEE), Public Health England (PHE), voluntary sector, librarians, research and academia, Fuse and the Applied Research Collaborations (ARCs).

What have we achieved?

Through a combination of an [online platform](#), monthly [newsletter](#), active engagement and online events, over 650 people are now connected to C-WorKS. Over 230 resources have been shared by the C-WorKS community - be it published evidence, intelligence, guidance or best practice. Most recently, the core team have made improvements to the [C-WorKS platform](#) on KHub, including easier navigation via [C-WorKS Resources](#). We are now hosting monthly [C-WorKS Connects events](#), and very pleased to be hosting our next event with the [Beneficial Changes Network 15 June](#). We also regularly publish KITS - Knowledge and Intelligence Themed Summaries - the most recent ones being on [excess mortality](#), and [health seeking behaviours](#).

What next?

C-WorKS is continually evolving, and as a community we are now setting our sights to include recovery in the NHS and inclusive economic growth, all the while continuing to share important work on health inequalities. C-WorKS has also been successful in securing an academic evaluation to evidence the impact of the network, the results of which we will be sharing in the coming months. But there is no doubt about the benefits of working collaboratively beyond organisational and geographical boundaries. The links that are made now will hopefully be a catalyst for improved collaboration far into the future.

If you would like to join [C-WorKS](#) and access [C-WorKS resources](#) please register on [Khub](#) and join [PHINE Khub group](#) first. You can also join via email to LKISNorthEastandYorkshire@phe.gov.uk and you will receive the monthly newsletter and information about the events.