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Welcome to Grey Matter, the Ministry of Health Library's Grey Literature Bulletin. In each issue, we provide access to a selection of the most recent NGO, Think Tank, and International Government reports that are relevant to the health context. The goal of this newsletter is to facilitate access to material that may be more difficult to locate (in contrast to journal articles and the news media). Information is arranged by topic, allowing readers to quickly identify their key areas of interest. Email library@moh.govt.nz to subscribe.

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Equity

[Māori whānau and Pasifika families experience of sleep health messages](#)

“Whānau and families discussed their awareness of, experiences with and barriers to following commonly promoted infant sleep messages. Overall themes and implications are identified to design more effective resources and healthy sleep messages for Māori whānau and Pasifika family.” *Source: Source: Te Hiringa Hauora (New Zealand)*

[How to interpret research on ethnicity and COVID-19 risk and outcomes: five key questions](#)

“The coronavirus pandemic has brought ethnic inequalities in health to the attention of the public. This web report outlines five key questions to help evaluate research on ethnicity and COVID-19 risk and outcomes.” *Source: Health Foundation (UK)*

[Aboriginal participatory action research: an Indigenous research methodology strengthening decolonisation and social and emotional wellbeing](#)

“The Lowitja Institute have created this discussion paper that articulates how and why Indigenous knowledge and research methodologies need to be urgently recognised as critical components of transformative research in order to improve social and emotional wellbeing (SEWB) for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.” *Source: Lowitja Institute (Australia)*

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Health Systems, Costs, & Reforms

[What influences improvement processes in healthcare? A rapid evidence review](#)

“RAND Europe was commissioned by The Healthcare Improvement Studies (THIS) Institute at the University of Cambridge to conduct a rapid review of academic reviews and grey literature covering the influences on improvement processes in healthcare, with the aim of identifying themes and issues relevant to future research in this space.” *Source: RAND Europe*

[Realising the true value of integrated care: beyond Covid-19](#)

“Stronger and more resilient care systems and communities are better able to cope, respond and adapt to new challenges and crises such as the current COVID-19 pandemic. They are able to quickly come together to ‘act as one’ and collaborate across disciplines and sectors towards a common goal. This is the essence of integrated care and this is what the International Foundation for Integrated Care (IFIC) stands for - creating a more connected health and care system.” *Source: International Foundation for Integrated Care*

[Safer Together: A National Action Plan to Advance Patient Safety](#)

“Safer Together: A National Action Plan to Advance Patient Safety provides clear direction that health care leaders, delivery organizations, and associations can use to make significant advances toward safer care and reduced harm across the continuum of care.” *Source: Institute for Healthcare Improvement*

[Australian healthcare after COVID-19: an opportunity to think differently](#)

“COVID-19 has created new opportunities to reconstruct our health care system in ways that were rarely possible during ordinary times. Building this new reality will require accelerating the positive transformations we have made during the pandemic, undertaking some fundamentally new ones, and determining which of the activities we have stopped that we should not resume. This paper maps out the steps we should be taking now, to address the challenges and vulnerabilities within the Australian health system that have been exposed during this ongoing national healthcare emergency.” *Source: Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association (AHHA)*

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Technology, Research, & Information

[A Framework for Assessing Mortality and Morbidity After Large-Scale Disasters](#)

“A Framework for Assessing Mortality and Morbidity After Large-Scale Disasters reviews and describes the current state of the field of disaster-related mortality and significant morbidity assessment. This report examines practices and methods for data collection, recording, sharing, and use across state, local, tribal, and territorial stakeholders; evaluates best practices; and identifies areas for future resource investment.” *Source: National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine*

[Heritable Human Genome Editing](#)

“From an international commission of the U.S. National Academy of Medicine, U.S. National Academy of Sciences, and the U.K.'s Royal Society, the report considers potential benefits, harms, and uncertainties associated with genome editing technologies and defines a translational pathway from rigorous preclinical research to initial clinical uses, should a country decide to permit such uses. The report specifies stringent preclinical and clinical requirements for establishing safety and efficacy, and for undertaking long-term monitoring of outcomes. Extensive national and international dialogue is needed before any country decides whether to permit clinical use of this technology, according to the report, which identifies essential elements of national and international scientific governance and oversight.” *Source: National Academy of Medicine*

[The Role of Digital Health Technologies in Drug Development: Proceedings of a Workshop](#)

“On March 24, 2020, a 1-day public workshop titled The Role of Digital Health Technologies in Drug Development was convened by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. This workshop builds on prior efforts to explore how virtual clinical trials facilitated by digital health technologies (DHTs) might change the landscape of drug development.” *Source: National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine*

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Disability & Social Care

[National Disability Insurance Scheme: people who self manage their NDIS plan](#)

“This report is from a research project that explores what helps people to self manage their National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) plan. It scans the current conditions in Australia that help or hinder NDIS self-management, and it identifies resources that show promise for including people who are left behind.” *Source: University of New South Wales (Australia)*

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Person-Centred Approaches

[Co-design in Aotearoa New Zealand: a snapshot of the literature](#)

“Co-design refers to a philosophical approach and evolving set of methodologies for involving people in the design of the services, strategies, environments, policies, processes, – that impact them. This review gathers together readily available local scholarship and literature about co-design in Aotearoa New Zealand up to September 2019.” *Source: The Southern Initiative, Auckland Co-design Lab*

[Strategies for Patient, Family, and Caregiver Engagement](#)

“The widely applied Chronic Care Model emphasizes the need for an "informed activated patient" and a "prepared and proactive team" to improve patient outcomes. This Technical Brief applies a framework to create a map of the currently available evidence on patient and family engagement strategies that have been used to help people manage chronic conditions.” *Source: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (US)*

[Social prescribing](#)

“Social prescribing is a means for GPs and other health care professionals to refer patients via a link worker to non-clinical services in the local community... This paper details the development of social prescribing policies in England and provides an overview of schemes in the devolved nations.” *Source: House of Commons Library (UK)*

[Rolling out social prescribing: understanding the experience of the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector](#)

“This report sets out the findings of research conducted by National Voices for NHS England to explore the perspectives and experiences of the voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector in relation to the NHS rollout of social prescribing.” *Source: National Voices (UK)*

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Child, Youth, & Maternal Health

[Mai te whai-ao ki te ao mārama : Coming into the light – Mothers’ experiences of distress and wellbeing during pregnancy and the first year of motherhood](#)

“In 2019, Te Hiringa Hauora/Health Promotion Agency undertook a rapid social innovation project to build understanding about how it might contribute to improving the social, emotional and mental wellbeing of mothers in Aotearoa. This report provides insights from a small group of women with lived experience of mental distress. This is part of a wider area of work to discover how Te Hiringa Hauora can work with its partners to support positive maternal mental health and wellbeing.” *Source: Te Hiringa Hauora (New Zealand)*

[Youth19 Rangatahi Smart Survey Initial Findings Hauora Hinengaro / Emotional and Mental Health](#)

“This report highlights the emotional and mental health findings from the Youth19 Rangatahi Smart Survey (Youth19).” *Source: Youth19 Research Group (New Zealand)*

[No child left behind: A public health informed approach to improving outcomes for vulnerable children](#)

“The report sets out how adopting a public health informed approach offers substantial opportunities to reduce inequalities and improve health and wellbeing outcomes for the most vulnerable children.” *Source: Public Health England*

[Susceptibility to smoking among 14 and 15-year-olds](#)

“This brief report presents key findings from the 2018 Youth Insights Survey on susceptibility to smoking among 14 and 15-year-olds. We estimate susceptibility to smoking among those who have never smoked and identify risk factors associated with susceptibility to smoking. We also examine trends in susceptibility and risk factors between 2012 and 2018.” *Source: Te Hiringa Hauora (New Zealand)*

[Developing Health Literacy Skills in Children and Youth: Proceedings of a Workshop](#)

“Young people develop health literacy skills in a variety of environments, facing critical thinking challenges about their health from school, home and family life, peers and social life, and online. To explore the development of health literacy skills in youth, the Roundtable on Health Literacy convened a workshop on November 19, 2019, in Washington, DC. Presenters at the workshop discussed factors relating to health literacy skills and ways to further develop those skills among youth from early childhood to young adulthood. This publication summarizes the presentation and discussion of the workshop.” *Source: National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine*

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Health of Older People

[Ageing in place for minority ethnic communities: the importance of social infrastructure](#)

“Based on qualitative interviews with older people and a survey conducted with community and voluntary organisations working within these communities, the project has identified a number of important spaces of social infrastructure that must be supported and maintained if older people from these minority ethnic groups are to be able to age in place.” *Source: Ambition for Ageing (UK)*

[Integrating the Science of Aging and Environmental Health Research: Proceedings of a Workshop—in Brief](#)

“Understanding and ensuring healthy aging has become increasingly important as the human life span increases with each decade. The need to better understand the role of environmental exposures in the development of aging-related diseases, such as cardiovascular disease, cancer, and dementia, is now an important driver for research at the intersection of aging and environmental health. With that in mind, on June 9-10, 2020, the Standing Committee on the Use of Emerging Science for Environmental Health Decisions of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine held a 1.5-day workshop to explore how environmental exposures influence or mediate aging and how aging influences environmentally mediated health outcomes... This Proceedings of a Workshop in Brief summarizes the invited speakers' presentations and the discussion periods that followed each session.” *Source: National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine*

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Workforce

[Creating the workforce of the future: A new collaborative approach for the NHS and colleges in England](#)

“From the immediate effects of the coronavirus pandemic to the continued focus on climate change and the future of the country post Brexit, there are common challenges facing both colleges and the health and care sector. How do we build the health and care workforce needed now and in future? How will people live, learn and work? How can we work collaboratively as anchor institutions to support local communities? The NHS Confederation and the Independent Commission on the College of the Future jointly held a roundtable in late 2019 to explore these questions.” *Source: NHS Confederation (UK)*

[The courage of compassion: Supporting nurses and midwives to deliver high-quality care](#)

“This review investigated how to transform nurses’ and midwives’ workplaces so that they can thrive and flourish and are better able to provide the compassionate, high-quality care that they wish to offer.” *Source: King’s Fund (UK)*

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COVID-19

[Generation COVID-19: Building the case to protect young people’s future health](#)

“The COVID-19 lockdown has required many people to come to terms with a vastly different way of life, while also grappling with the suffering created by the pandemic and its subsequent economic crisis. As a result of necessary measures to protect health in the short term, young people in particular are now experiencing ongoing economic and social challenges that threaten their long-term health and wellbeing.” *Source: Health Foundation (UK)*

[Pulse survey on continuity of essential health services during the COVID-19 pandemic: interim report](#)

The Pulse survey on continuity of essential health services during the COVID-19 pandemic aimed to gain initial insight from country key informants into the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on essential health services across the life course. *Source: World Health Organization*

[Lessons and legacy from the COVID-19 pandemic in health and care](#)

“AHSN Network has released its Digital and AI report: ‘Lessons and Legacy from the COVID-19 Pandemic in Health and Care’ on key findings from a short research study undertaken in June and July to understand how technology has been an enabler in reducing the care burden and coping with the COVID-19 crisis, and to identify what should be sustained in the ‘new normal’ longer-term.” *Source: Academic Health Sciences Networks*

[Homes, health and COVID-19](#)

“In partnership with The King's Fund, this report summarises the role and impact of poor-quality housing on health, particularly in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.” *Source: Centre for Ageing Better*

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Public Health

[The RHD Endgame Strategy: the blueprint to eliminate rheumatic heart disease in Australia by 2031](#)

“The RHD Endgame Strategy is the result of five years of collaborative research by leading infectious diseases specialists paired with the knowledge and experience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders across the country. It is based on recommendations that are feasible, equitable for all people, acceptable to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, and likely to have an impact.” *Source: Telethon Kids Institute*

[The Family Violence Experts by Experience Framework: Research Report and Framework 2020](#)

“The Family Violence Experts by Experience Framework aims to enhance the ability of specialist family violence services to provide opportunities for survivor advocates to influence policy development, service planning and practice.” *Source: University of Melbourne*

[Responding to adolescent family violence: findings from an impact evaluation](#)

“This paper describes the findings from the outcome evaluation of the Adolescent Family Violence Program. The results show that the program had a positive impact on young people and their families, leading to improved parenting capacity and parent–adolescent attachment. However, there was mixed evidence of its impact on the prevalence, frequency and severity of violent behaviours.” *Source: Australian Institute of Criminology*

[Integrating Systems and Sectors Toward Obesity Solutions: Proceedings of a Workshop—in Brief](#)

“The Roundtable on Obesity Solutions of the Health and Medicine Division of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine held a virtual public workshop, Integrating Systems and Sectors Toward Obesity Solutions, on April 6, 2020 (Part I), and June 30, 2020 (Part II). The workshop explored complex systems and contributing factors that can influence obesity, and shared real-life examples of applying systems thinking and systems science approaches to addressing obesity and population health and well-being... This Proceedings of a Workshop-in Brief highlights the presentations and discussions that occurred at the workshop.” *Source: the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine*

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