

Children & Young People (0-19): a rapid review of vulnerabilities & the impacts of COVID-19

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Southwark is a young, densely populated and ethnically diverse inner London borough

POPULATION

Approximately 73,000 children and young people (CYP) aged 0-19 years are estimated to live in Southwark, approximately 23% of the total population.



Southwark is the 9th most densely populated borough in London and the number of young people is predicted to grow by 17% to nearly 65,000 by 2026.



Over the next 10 years, the Southwark population structure is predicted to change. While most growth is anticipated in older age groups, a 20% increase in 15-19 year olds is expected by 2026.

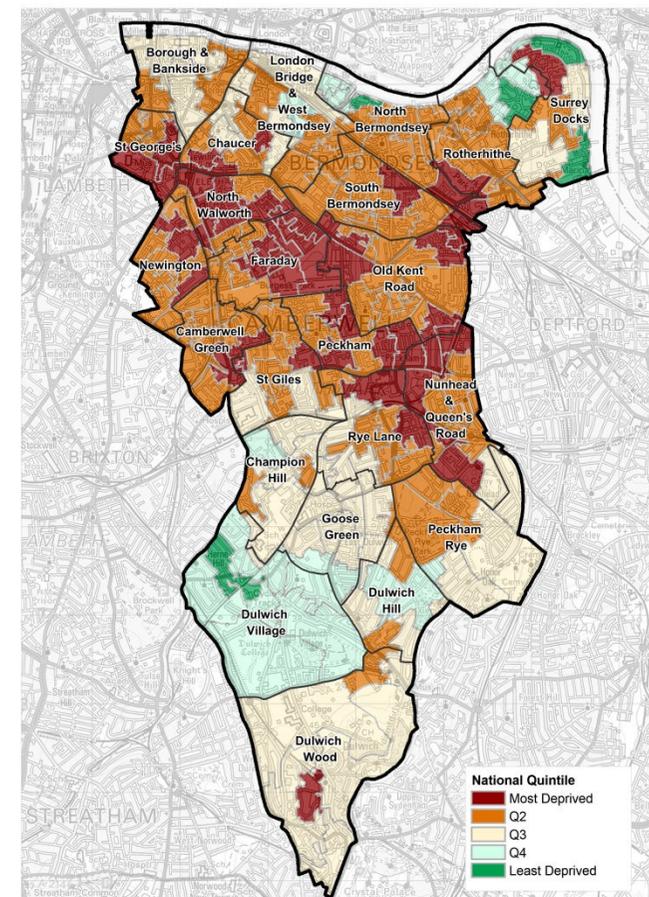


Over a fifth of Southwark residents live in communities ranked in the most deprived 20% of England. More of our adolescents live in our deprived areas than the general population, especially those aged 10-17 years.



Southwark is ethnically diverse but our young people are more diverse than the general population. Twice as many 10-17 year olds are from a Black ethnic background than Southwark as a whole.

Deprivation in Southwark, orange-red are among the most deprived nationally



Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, CYP in the borough were known to experience a range of vulnerabilities

VULNERABILITIES

<p>3,623 Children living in temporary accommodation</p>	 Home & Family	<p>Children reaching less than half of the early years development benchmarks upon starting school</p>	 Development	<p>868</p>
<p>12,355 Children under 16 living in low-income families</p>	 Home & Family	<p>Children aged 5-10 years with a behavioural disorder</p>	 Development	<p>1,164</p>
<p>14,770 Children 0-17 living in households with any of the 'toxic trio'</p>	 Home & Family	<p>Children in Southwark schools with a special educational need or disability</p>	 Development	<p>8,656</p>
<p>2,570 Children in need</p>	 Safeguarding	<p>Children permanently excluded in 2017/18 from state-funded schools</p>	 Education	<p>49</p>
<p>460 Children in care (looked-after children)</p>	 Safeguarding	<p>Children in alternative provision / pupil referral units</p>	 Education	<p>343</p>
<p>109 Children first-time entrants to the youth justice system in a year</p>	 Safeguarding	<p>Children not in education, employment, or training</p>	 Education	<p>520</p>

Adapted from the Children's Commissioner Report: Childhood vulnerability in numbers, 2019

Note: a number of these figures are modelled estimates and may not accurately represent the true prevalence of these vulnerabilities.

Note: the latest data available for each indicator do not necessarily derive from the same year

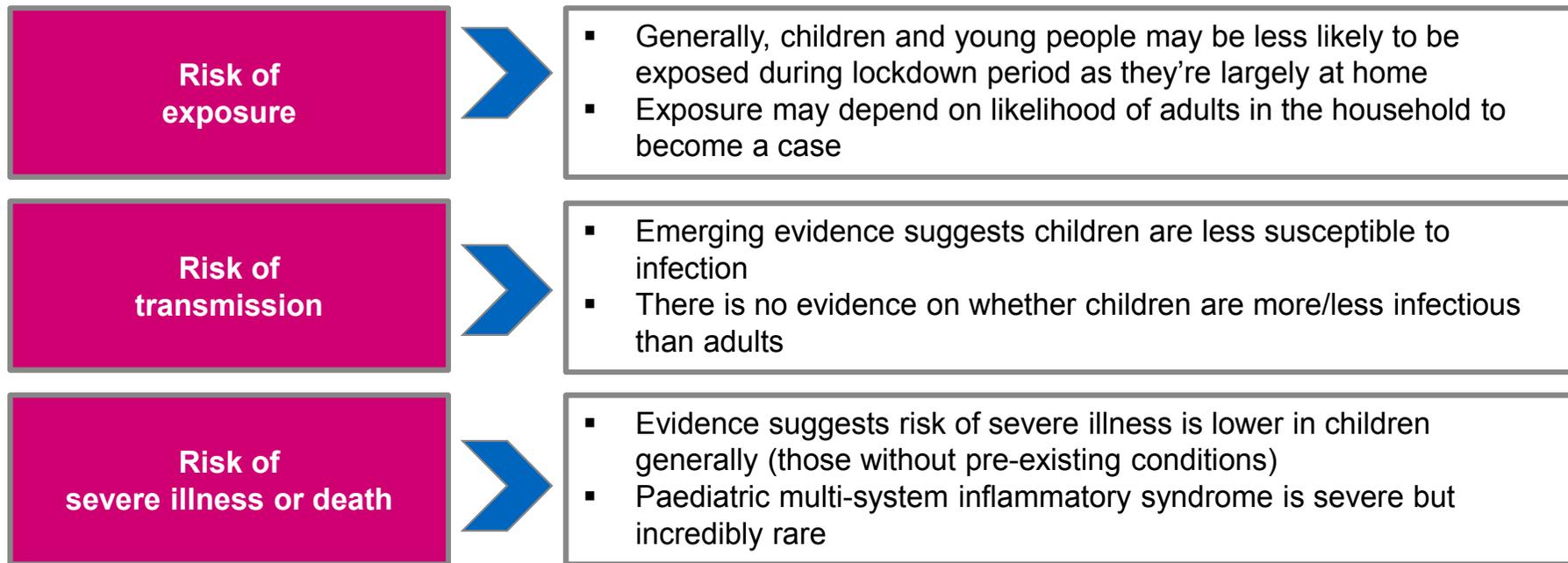
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COVID-19

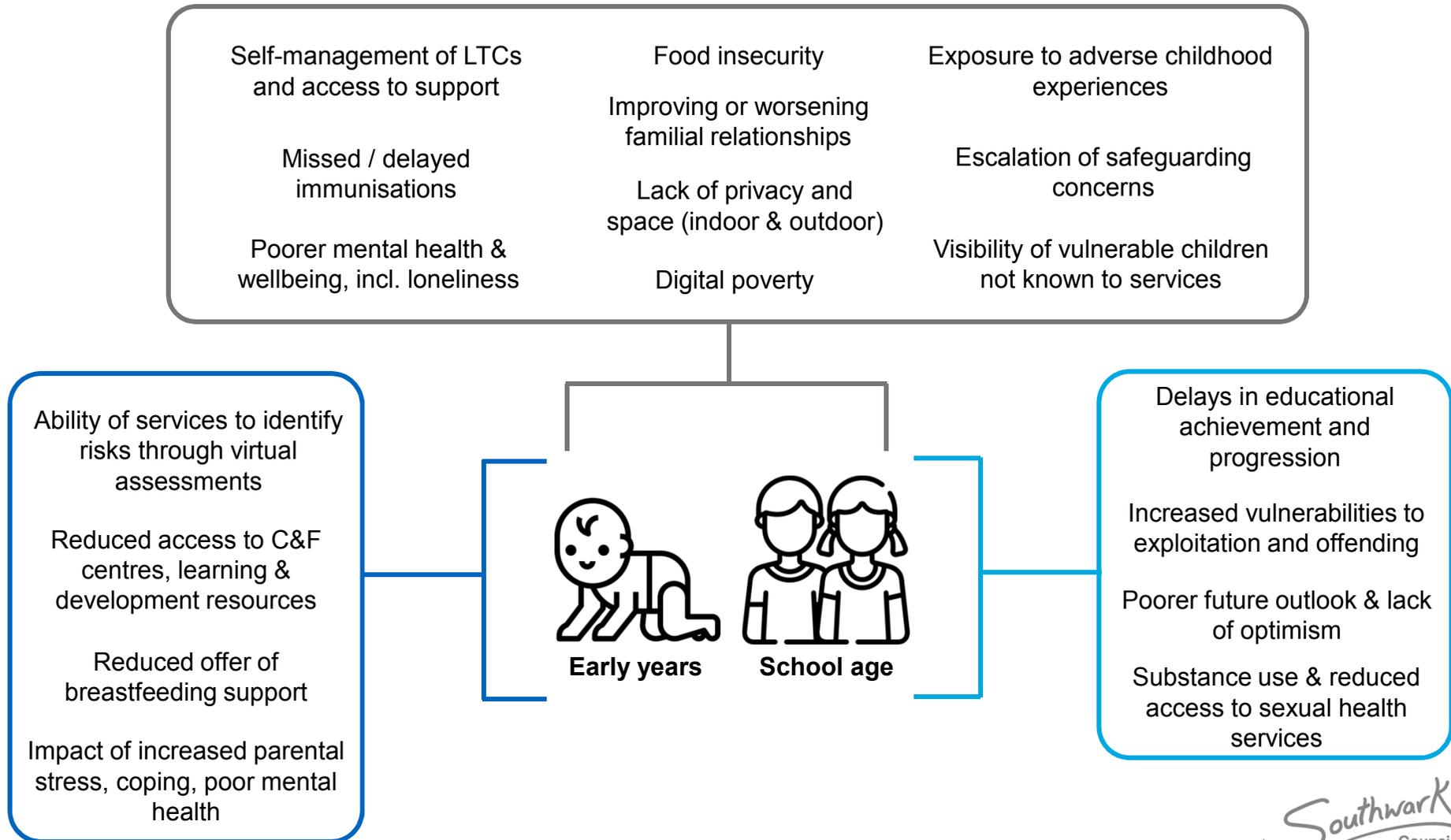
Based on emerging evidence and literature, the following is an overview of the latest evidence (4 August 2020) on the risk of COVID-19 to children and young people.



While initial evidence suggests children and young people (CYP) may not be at greater risk of suffering severe illness directly due to COVID-19, the pandemic is expected to severely impact the lives, experiences, health, and wellbeing of this population.

The pandemic is likely to widen existing inequalities and to disproportionately impact our more vulnerable CYP

COVID-19 IMPACTS



Note: impacts are not exhaustive.