THE IMPACT OF COVID-19

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CHARITY IMPACT & RESPONSE
CHARITY IMPACT

• Reduction in fundraised income

• Impact on our people

• Increased demand for our services

“Covid-19 is affecting all aspects of our world. It is a fast moving and ever-changing environment which requires us to think and operate differently, taking quick decisions and responding in an agile and flexible way.”

Liam O’Toole, CEO
CHARITY IMPACT

• People with arthritis

• Our supporters

“We’re working to ensure everyone living with arthritis stays safe, is heard and is supported at this time”.

Liam O’Toole, CEO
CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) - WHAT IS IT AND WHERE TO GO FOR INFORMATION

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CHARITY RESPONSE

• Taking care of our staff and volunteers
• Adapting our ways of working

“”My reflection on the charity’s response is that you have been nimble, innovative and quick to respond. …we need to ensure” our strategy is relevant for a post lockdown world”

Rodger McMillan, Chair of Trustees
CHARITY RESPONSE

• Prioritising help channels
• **COVA** is the first chatbot to provide COVID-19 advice specifically for people with MSK conditions

• Arthritis Tracker
CHARITY RESPONSE

• Recognition Campaign: Ensuring we don’t forget the unmet need.

• Working with others to influence and advise

IT’S NOT JUST “WEAR AND TEAR”. IT’S NOT JUST “ACHES AND PAINS”. IT’S NOT ALRIGHT — IT’S ARTHRITIS.

JOIN US TO SPEAK OUT.

VERSUS ARTHRITIS
SECTOR IMPACT & RESPONSE
SECTOR IMPACT

• Many charity research funders have reduced income

• Most have paused or suspended research

• Many staff furloughed or supporting NHS frontline

• New research initiatives halted
SECTOR RESPONSE

- Cohesive working and sharing
- Maintaining positive pressure on Government
- Emerging COVID related research initiatives
- Data gathering & global registries

Medical research charities are facing a significant financial impact as a result of COVID-19. We estimate a projected shortfall in sector research investment ranging between £252m - £368m in 2020/21.

AMRC and our member charities are working tirelessly to call on Government to mitigate the impact of the pandemic on the UK’s research base. We are working every avenue and contact to ensure Government understand the impact on research now and in the future.

(Nisha Tailor, Director of Policy & Public Affairs, AMRC)
OUR RESEARCH
OUR RESEARCH: IMPACT

• We believe that many of our awards have been affected

• Many researchers have been called to the front line

• Researcher access to their labs and patients affected
OUR RESEARCH: RESPONSE

- Working with you
- Working with others
- Working innovatively
- Preparing for the future
INNOVATION IN OUR COMMUNITY

• Adapting our research

• Researchers moving to COVID-19 focus e.g.
  • Gender study
  • MAmMOTH study extension
  • Wellbeing advice
We are in it together.
Help us to tell your story

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