

# The COVID19 Mental Health wave is yet to come

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#### Introduction

- Estimates indicate 500,000 additional people will experience mental health problems
- Direct effects
  - ITU COVID survivors (PTSD)
  - 'Clinically stable' COVID patients
  - Health and Care workers (burnout/moral injury)
  - BAME communities (occupational risk?)
- Indirect effects
  - Grief, loss and bereavement
  - Economic impact of Covid-19
  - Health inequality

#### Forecasting scenarios



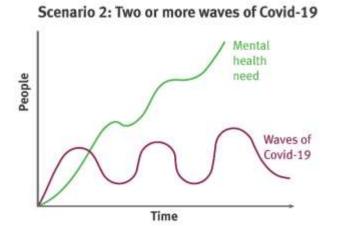
Scenarios of mental health need relating to Covid-19 and how they could compare with the trajectory of the virus itself

Scenario 1: A single wave of Covid-19

Mental health need

Single wave of Covid-19

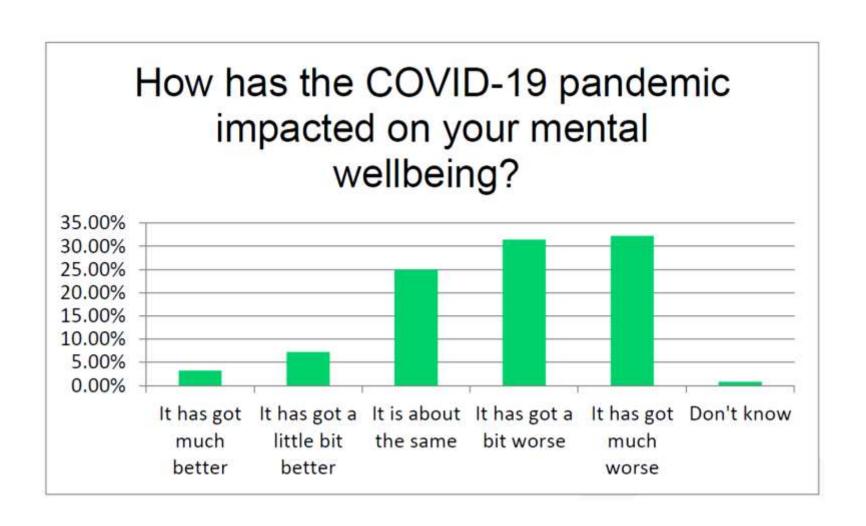
Time



## At Risk Groups

- People with existing MH difficulties
- Long term conditions, including:
  - Cardiopulmonary disease
  - Cancer
  - Diabetes
  - Renal disease
  - Organ transplant recipients
- Social deprivation
- Children and Young People
- BAME communities
- Exposure to trauma & adversity

### MH Service User Experience



# What would help?

- Financial safety netting
- Trauma-informed OH support
- Specialist MH support services
- NHS and social care preparation for subsequent C19 waves/economic shocks

