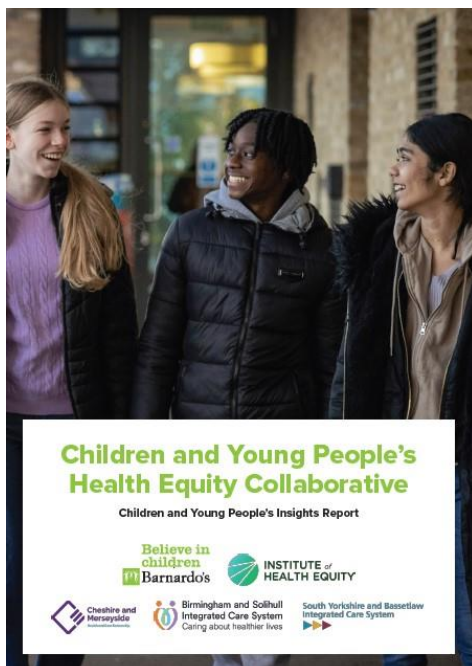




Welcome to the second newsletter from the Children and Young People's Health Equity Collaborative, which brings together children's charity Barnardo's, the UCL Institute for Health Equity (IHE) and Integrated Care Systems (ICSs) from Birmingham and Solihull, South Yorkshire and Cheshire and Merseyside. This first-of-its-kind programme aims to tackle physical and mental health inequalities facing children and young people today.

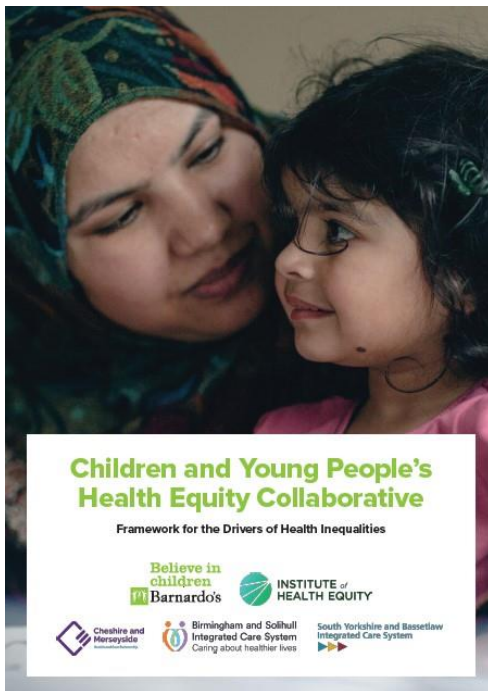
This week saw the launch of the much-anticipated report '*The Child Health Equity Framework for the Drivers of Health Inequalities*', which provides some fascinating insights into child health today which will underpin the Collaborative's work going forwards.

Alongside this, we have also published the *Children and Young People's Insights Report* which brings together feedback from the children and young people we have engaged with across our partner regions, especially our newly recruited Health Equity Champions. There will be more from this group of young people in the next newsletter in April too.



The Insights Report – first look

More than 300 children and young people across our ICS regions have given us an insight into what health means to them by sharing their lived experience and the factors which influence their lives and wellbeing. This has been collated into the Insights Report which focuses on three key areas of home, community, and education.



The Framework – first look

The Child Health Equity Framework sets out the key drivers of health and wellbeing for babies, children, and young people. The framework's main purpose is to underpin action for achieving greater health equity. This innovative conceptual framework will be used by our three ICS partners to guide the analysis of data and the development of indicators to assess and monitor health inequalities and support the development of interventions to improve the health and wellbeing of babies, children and young people in their local areas.

The Framework and the Insights Report can both be found [here](#).

For more information on our work so far, [visit here](#).

Catch-up on the webinar

Our partner, South Yorkshire ICS, recently held a webinar in collaboration with the NHS England and the Institute of Health Equity, where the IHE's Dr. Jessica Allen introduced the Framework to partners, key leaders and health professionals throughout the country. Watch the webinar [here](#).

Health Inequalities – Lives Cut Short

The Institute of Health Equity recently published findings that a million people in 90% of areas in England lived shorter lives than they should between 2011 and the start of the pandemic. The shocking report looks at how the UK has become poorer and unhealthier and, whilst people still care about living well, they are largely unable to do so. It calls on the Government to prioritise health for all. Find out more [here](#).

Health Inequalities - Left out in the Cold: The hidden health costs of cold homes.

The Institute of Health Equity has also this month published a report with Friends of the Earth setting out the health equity and environmental impacts of poorly insulated, damp, and cold homes. Read more [here](#).

Time for action

Barnardo's is partnering with the King's Fund for the conference 'Time for Action: addressing health inequalities for children and young people' on Tuesday 12 March in London. Find out more [here](#).

We will bring you regular updates on the work of the Health Equity Collaborative over the coming months. If you, or one of your stakeholders, would like to sign up to receive the Health Equity Collaborative newsletter, please email childhealthequity@barnardos.org.uk with the required details.