

4. A list of any articles or reports the organisation or body has published or contributed to, and/or evidence it has given (for example to Parliamentary Select Committees) regarding the impact on the group(s) which the organisation or body supports or represents of the response to Covid-19 by (i) the UK Government; and/or (ii) the Scottish Government.

CRER publicly campaigned through our website and social media to raise awareness about data gaps and racialised health inequalities in relation to Covid-19. This includes the following articles:

Are we really all equal in the eyes of COVID-19? (April 2020)

Covid-19, Poverty & Building Back Better (Summer 2020)

Where's the Data? (June 2020)

Assume you are infected with racism – but a vaccine is available (June 2020)

BME Health Care Workers in Scotland under Covid-19: A Call for Action (August 2020)

Time for Scottish Government to 'walk the walk' on Covid-19 and Ethnicity (September 2020)

Covid-19 Micro briefing (December 2021)

5. The view of the organisation or body as to whether the group(s) it supports or represents was adequately considered when decisions about the response to Covid-19 were made by (i) the UK Government; and/or (ii) the Scottish Government.

CRER is of the view that BME communities and people were not adequately considered when decisions about the response to Covid-19 were made by the UK and Scottish Government despite the Equality Act 2010 and Public Sector Equality Duties requiring public bodies to give due regard to those with protected characteristics.

6. Whether the organisation or body raised any concerns about the consideration being given to the group(s) which it supports or represents with the (i) the UK Government; and/or (ii) Scottish Government, when the Government and/or Executive were making decisions about their response to Covid-19. Please provide a list of any such correspondence or meetings with (i) the UK Government; and/or (ii) the Scottish Government, including the dates on which the body or organisation wrote or such meetings were held, to whom the correspondence was addressed or with whom the meeting was held, and any response received from the UK Government or the Scottish Government, addressing such concerns.

CRER wrote to the (former) Minister for Older People and Equalities Christina McKelvie MSP on 7 May 2020 regarding the impact of Covid-19 on BME communities. This includes how there were reports at a UK-wide and international level that some minority ethnic groups were at risk of experiencing disproportionate effects, both in terms of adverse health outcomes and in a wider context, including economically.

We have copied the contents of this email here:

FAO: Christina McKelvie, Minister for Older People and Equalities

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