Local Authority results summary - Midlothian

The Scottish Youth Parliament, YouthLink Scotland and Young Scot joined together in April 2020 to deliver LockdownLowdown - a survey of nearly 2,500 young people from across Scotland on their concerns about COVID-19.

The national results have been published in a report which is available here. The report gives a clear picture of what young people are worried about - and the impact that COVID-19 is having on their lives.

This document gives a summary of the responses from young people in Midlothian.

**Respondent Profile**

27 young people from Midlothian took part in this consultation.

*Of these respondents:*

- 66.7% are aged between 12 and 17, 11.1% are aged 18-20, and 22.2% are aged 21-25.
- 59.3% identify as female, 22.2% identify as male, and 7.4% identify as non-binary. The remaining 11.1% respondents preferred not to say.

*Please note - due to the low number of respondents, this summary may not be representative of all young people in Midlothian.*
Young people’s concerns regarding the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19)

Respondents were given a list of twelve issues that may be worrying them during this time, and were asked to rate their level of concern. Young people in Midlothian are most worried about the impact coronavirus (COVID-19) will have on their education and their futures.

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1 See page 3 for a full list of the questions young people were asked to respond to.

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### Young people’s concerns regarding the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19)

The questions young people were asked to respond to are shown below:

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<tr>
<th>Label on graph</th>
<th>Survey question</th>
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<tr>
<td>School, college and university closures</td>
<td>How are you feeling about school, college and university closures?</td>
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<td>Exams or coursework</td>
<td>How are you feeling about any exams or coursework you may have?</td>
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<td>Employment situation</td>
<td>How are you feeling about your employment situation?</td>
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<td>Social relationships</td>
<td>How are you feeling about the impact on your social relationships with family or friends?</td>
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<td>Rights</td>
<td>How are you feeling about your ability to access your rights as a young person?</td>
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<td>Ability to look out for/care for others</td>
<td>How are you feeling about your ability to look out for/care for others?</td>
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<td>Future</td>
<td>How are you feeling about the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) on the future?</td>
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If you wanted to access information about the topics below during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, do you know how to do that?

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<th>Topic</th>
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<td>Information, advice and updates around lockdown</td>
<td>48.1%</td>
<td>51.9%</td>
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<td>Activities to do while inside</td>
<td>66.7%</td>
<td>33.3%</td>
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<td>How to help others during this time</td>
<td>74.1%</td>
<td>25.9%</td>
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<td>Support for mental health and wellbeing</td>
<td>81.5%</td>
<td>18.5%</td>
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<td>Financial support that may be available to you</td>
<td>85.2%</td>
<td>14.8%</td>
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Access to online information
Respondents were asked if they have access to a device at home they could use to look at online services, and if they can access reliable broadband / data at home.²

Who do you think should be providing information surrounding coronavirus (COVID-19)?

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<td>Teachers</td>
<td>59.3%</td>
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<td>Charities</td>
<td>48.1%</td>
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<td>Youth workers</td>
<td>37.0%</td>
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<td>Businesses</td>
<td>25.9%</td>
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<td>Someone else</td>
<td>22.2%</td>
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<td>Young people</td>
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² This survey was only available online. Therefore, the response to this question may not be representative of all young people’s experiences.

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