

Local Authority results summary - West Lothian

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 <u>here</u>. 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 West Lothian.

Respondent Profile

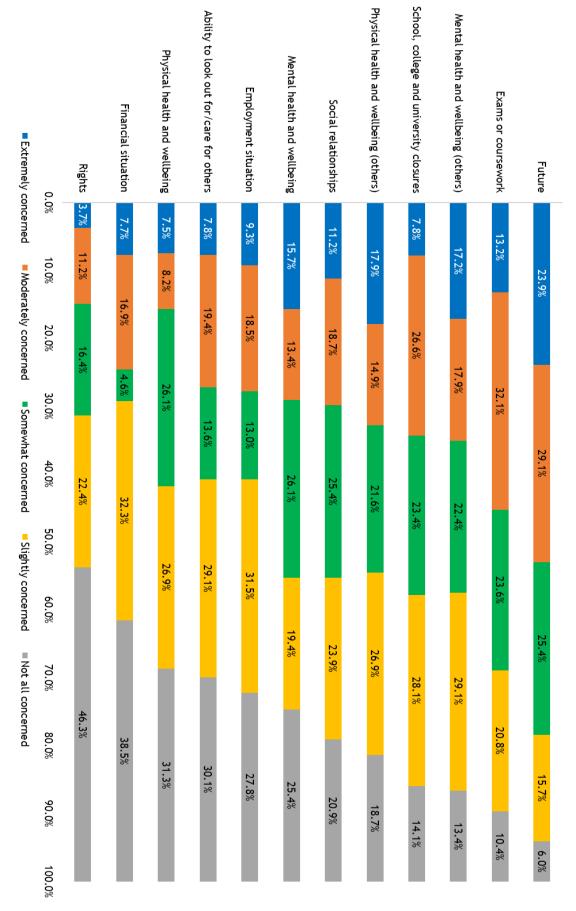
134 young people from West Lothian took part in this consultation.

Of these respondents:

- 89.6% are aged between 12 and 17, 7.5% are aged 18-20, and 2.9% are aged 21-25.
- **65.7**% identify as female, **32.8**% identify as male, and **1.5**% identify as nonbinary.

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.¹ Young people in West Lothian are most worried about the impact coronavirus (COVID-19) will have on their futures.



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

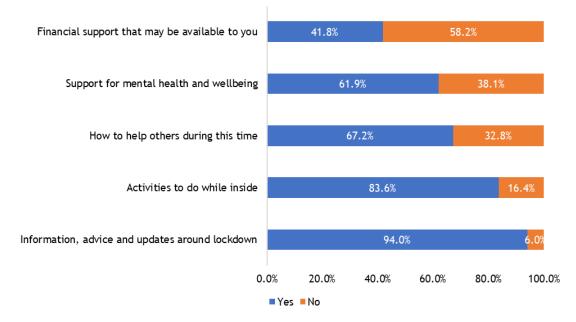
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Young people's concerns regarding the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19)

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

Label on graph	Survey question
School, college and university closures	How are you feeling about school, college and university closures?
Exams or coursework	How are you feeling about any exams or coursework you may have?
Employment situation	How are you feeling about your employment situation?
Financial situation	How are you feeling about your financial situation?
Physical health and wellbeing	How are you feeling about your physical wellbeing?
Mental health and wellbeing	How are you feeling about your mental wellbeing?
Physical health and wellbeing (others)	How are you feeling about the physical wellbeing of others (e.g. family or friends)?
Mental health and wellbeing (others)	How are you feeling about the mental wellbeing of others (e.g. family or friends)?
Social relationships	How are you feeling about the impact on your social relationships with family or friends?
Rights	How are you feeling about your ability to access your rights as a young person?
Ability to look out for/care for others	How are you feeling about your ability to look out for/care for others?
Future	How are you feeling about the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) on the future?

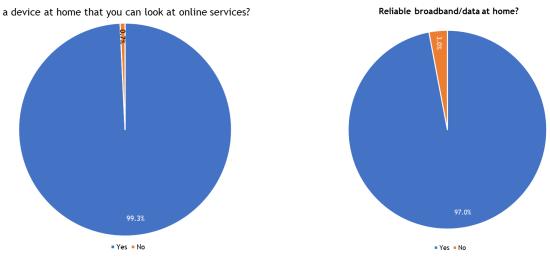
If you wanted to access information about the topics below during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, do you know how to do that?



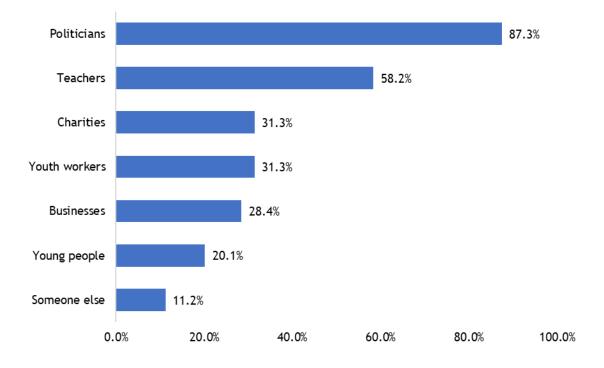
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Access to online information

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)?



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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