



Bristol's Cost-of-living response

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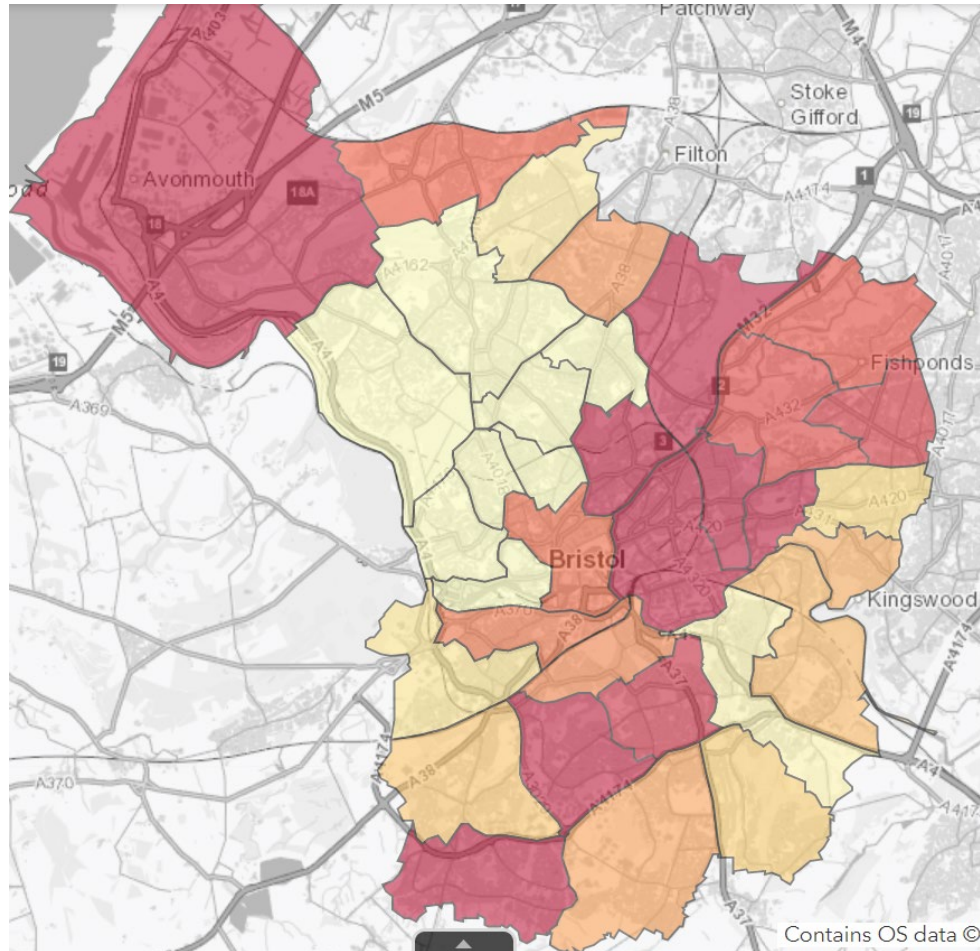
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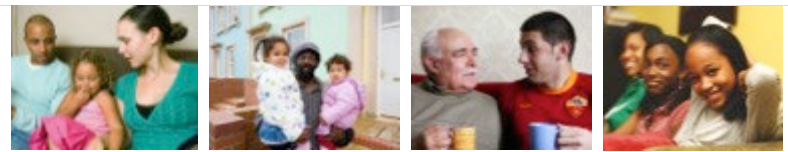
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Mapping the impact



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One City coordination group

- BCC: Neighbourhoods and Public Health, Housing, Schools, Comms
- Feeding Bristol
- Citizen's Advice Bristol
- Centre for Sustainable Energy
- Bristol Law Centre
- Bristol Older People's Forum
- Black South West Network
- West of England Centre for Inclusive Living (WECIL)
- VOSCUR
- VCSE anchor orgs (e.g. Knowle West Alliance)
- DWP
- North Bristol Trust NHS
- Bristol Uni



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Community hubs

- Drawn out from COVID-19 model. **26** hubs across the city
- Funding small grants being explored
- Citizens will be encouraged to support Citizens Advice Bristol & other local groups
- CAB volunteers complete month of training
- CAB and mental health lead being identified to coordinate information sharing



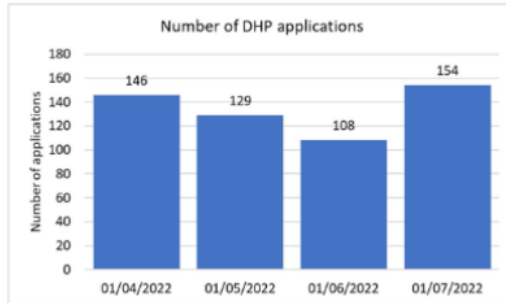
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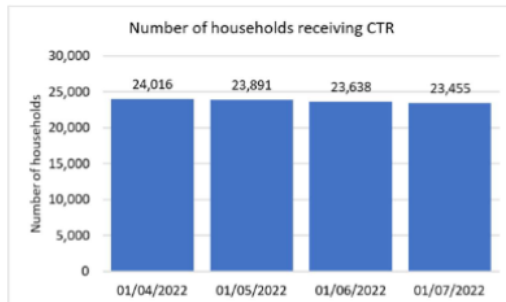
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- Currently measuring internal/gov data for applications to:
 - Discretionary Housing Payment
 - Council Tax Reduction
 - Local Crisis Prevention Fund
 - Rent arrears
 - Homelessness presentations



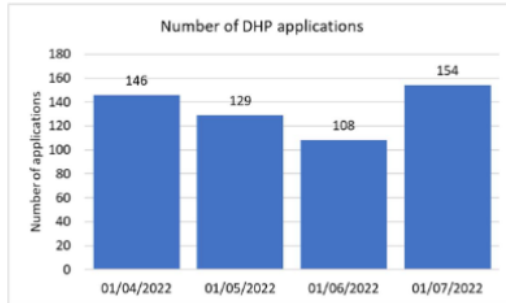
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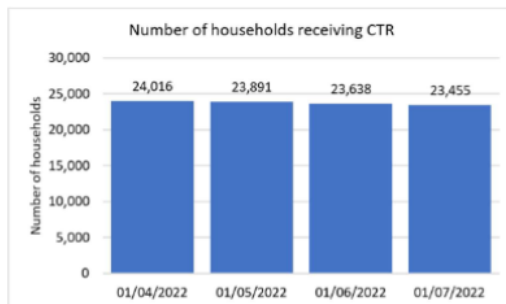
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- Simple first draft
- Issues to expanding data sets:
 - Availability (e.g. evictions)
 - Data sharing (from VCSE)
- Exploring including:
 - Mental health service referrals
 - Food bank usage
 - Local advice requests
 - Impact on SMEs



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Other useful sources of data

- Citizens Advice CoL dashboard
- Fair by Design 'Poverty Premium'
- Trusell Trust Foodbank use
- Resolution Foundation
- Joseph Rowntree Foundation



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Health involvement

- BNSSG Health and Wellbeing Board briefed in June
- NHS involvement in One City CoL Coordination Group
- Mental Health Advice lead being identified via Locality Partnerships
- Local mental health providers and social prescribers co-developing Welcoming Spaces mental health offer
- Data sharing – e.g. Did Not Attend (outpatient) data by social gradient



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