## Mental Health Impact of COVID-19 Across Life Course



# Key issues to consider

### **Pre-Term**

- Anxiety about impact of COVID on baby
- Financial worries
- Anxiety about delivery and access to care
- Isolation

### 0-5 Years

- Coping with significant changes to routine
- Isolation from friends
- Impact of parental stress and coping on child

### **School Years**

- School progress and exams
- Boredom
- Anxiety or depression or other MH problems
- Isolation from friends
- Impact of parental stress

# Working Age Adults

- Balancing work and home
- Being out of work
- Carer Stress
- Anxiety about measures and family or dependents or children
- Financial Worry
- Isolation

### **Old Age**

- Isolation and disruption of routine
- Anxiety from dependent on services
- Financial worry
- Fear about impact of COVID if infected

Staff/ Vols Cumulative load of stress from significant changes. Traumatic incidents. Isolation from work colleagues. Having to manage working from home. Potential bullying from or to others as part of not coping

Loss

Loss of loved ones dying may be particularly severe and grieving disrupted because of inability to do normal grieving rites eg as be physically close to dying person, have usual funeral rites, attend funeral etc

Specific Issues Impact of delayed diagnoses and treatment (eg chronic conditions, surgery, people living in pain). Suicide and self harm risk for most at risk populations. Members of faith communities may feel disconnected during closure of premises. Domestic abuse may be issues across lifecourse. Drug and Alcohol issues .People reliant on foodbanks or on low incomes or self employed may have additional stress.