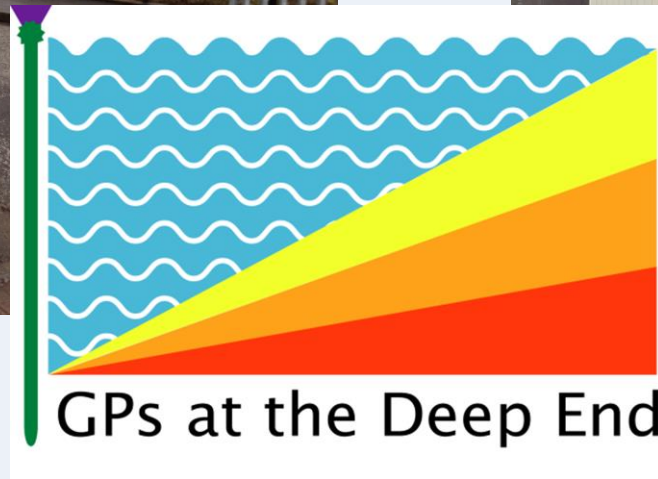


Covid-19, homelessness & implications for end of life care

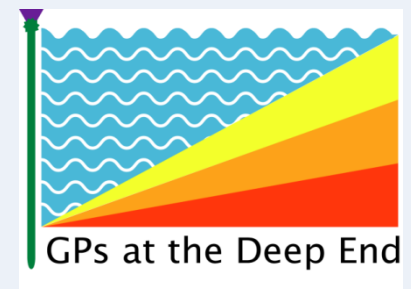
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Introduction

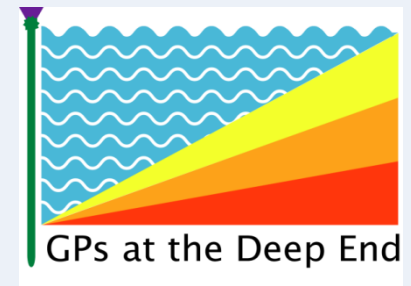


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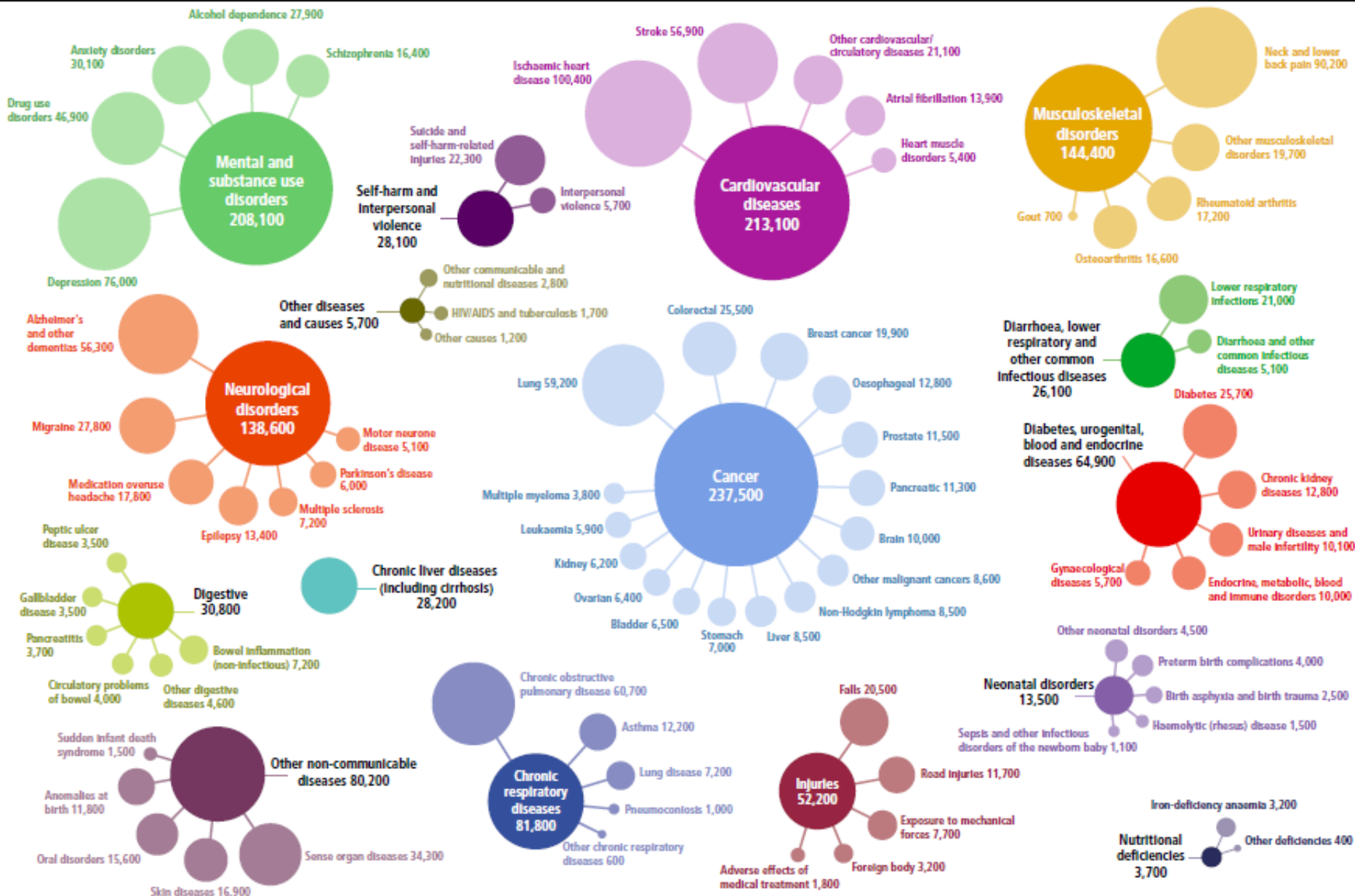
- GPs at the Deep End- background
- General practice in the time of Covid
- People experiencing homelessness
- Implications for end of life care

Background



- 100 most socio-economically deprived practices in Scotland
- **Blanket** deprivation
- 76 practices in Glasgow
- **Complex co-morbidity** and **premature mortality**

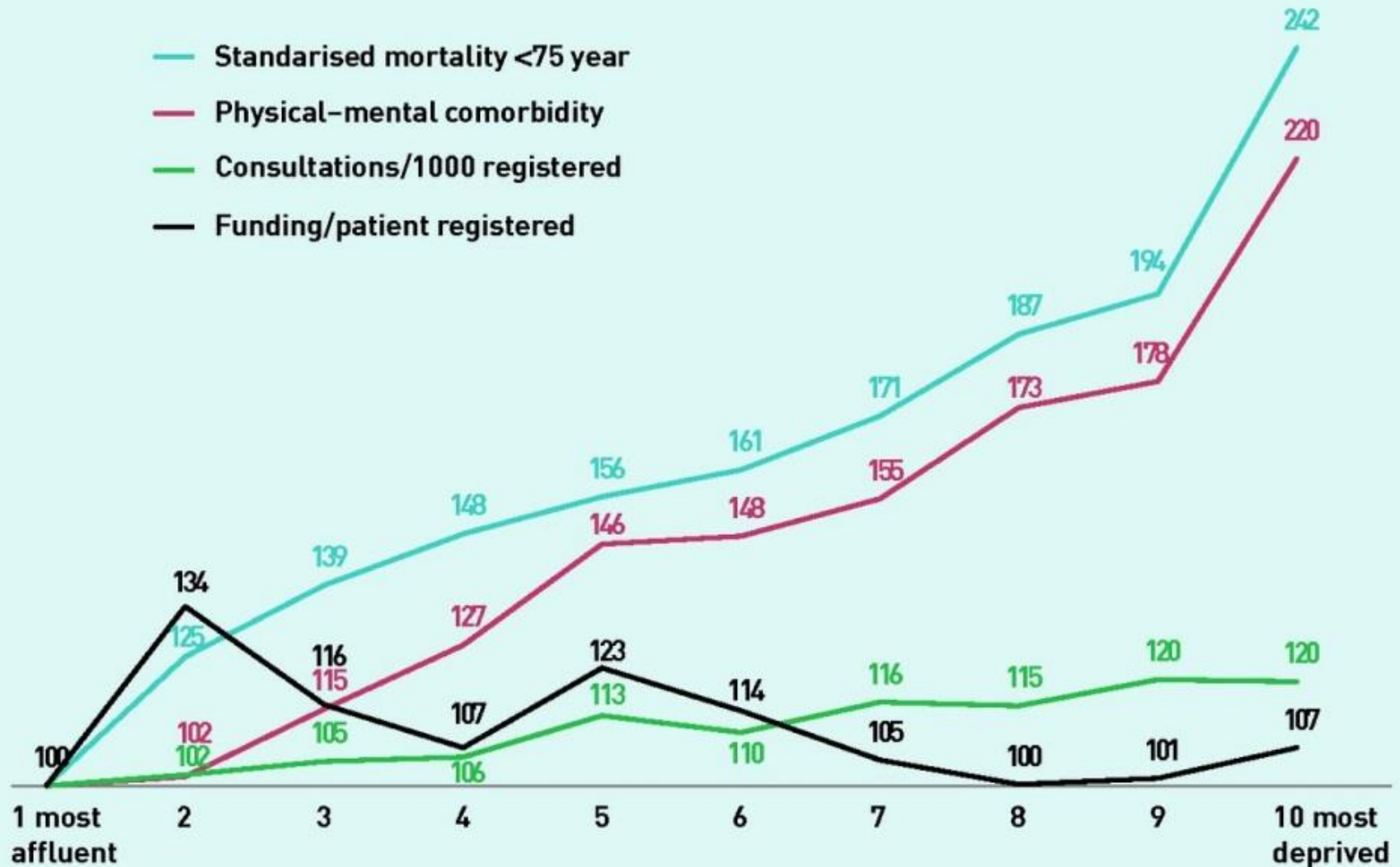
Burden of disease in Scotland, 2015



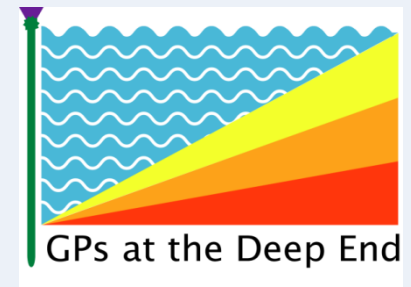
Note: Disability-adjusted life years rounded to the nearest 100. • Scottish burden of disease study • www.scotpho.org.uk/comparative-health/burden-of-disease/overview

Scottish GP resource v outcomes

(figure 1 McLean et al BJGP e 799, Dec 2015)

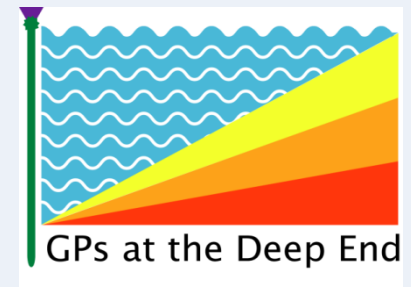


Impact of Covid-19



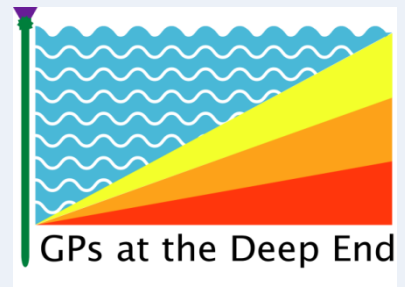
- New(ish)
 - Adaptation to remote working: triage, video, phone, AND complex face to face consults
 - Temp increase in proactive contacts (esp Link Workers)
 - Worries about LTCs backlog

Impact of Covid-19



- Heightened
 - Impact of the **social determinants**- poverty, housing, employment insecurity (GCPH 2020)
 - concerns about **‘whose missing’** from care (McQueenie et al BMC Medicine 2019)
 - Role of **low health & digital literacy**, digital poverty
 - **Mismatch between resources and need**- GP teams inc link workers, financial advice
 - **Fragmentation** of services (esp mental health)
(Deep End Report 36)

Understanding homelessness

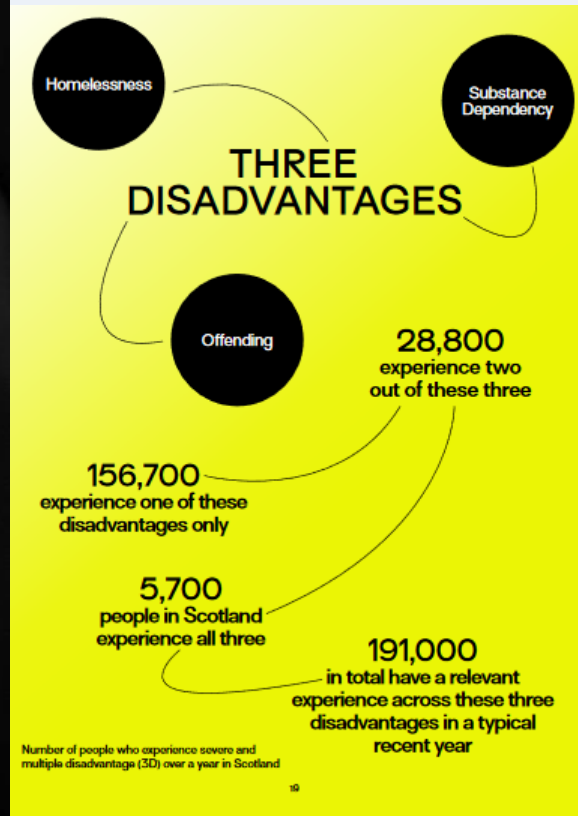


- Structural factors
 - Conflict
 - Natural disasters
 - **Housing provision**
 - **Welfare provision**

Or the social determinants of health...

- **Deep social exclusion**
 - tip of the iceberg- multiple exclusion homelessness
 - Evidence from mapping severe and multiple disadvantage
 - Role of ACEs

Severe and Multiple Disadvantage



ROUTES IN – DRIVEN BY POVERTY, VIOLENCE & TRAUMA

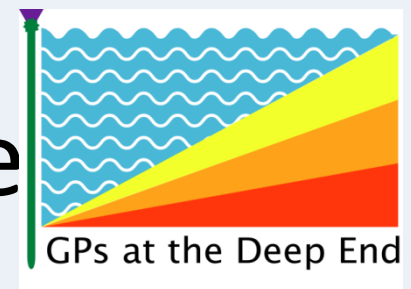
The study evidences 'routes in' to SMD that are consistent with previous research, including the original Hard Edges study in England (Bramley et al, 2015), and also with earlier research on Multiple Exclusion Homelessness (MEH) (Fitzpatrick et al, 2013).

Hard Edges Scotland 2019

**CRISIS-FOCUSED SYSTEMS THAT
CAN'T COPE WITH THE EFFECTS
OF TRAUMA**

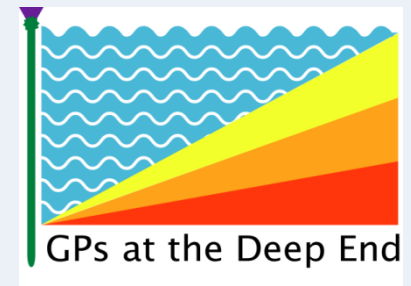
**A PAUCITY OF PERSONALISED,
PROACTIVE, 'STICKY' SERVICES**

Implications for end of life care



- Work with the care givers around a person (only sometimes family)
- Ensure permeable care
- Ensure 'sticky' care
- Trauma Informed Practice as CORE
- Be sensitive to felt stigma

Thank you



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