



# The impact of Covid-19 on children under 5 living in temporary accommodation (CHAMPIONS)



As a result of the current economic crisis in England, an increasing number of families are living in poverty and living in temporary accommodation. We are working with families and children experiencing homelessness to explore the impact of living in temporary accommodation on children's health and wellbeing.

## What did we do?

CHAMPIONS is a national project looking at the impact of COVID-19 and living through lockdown on children under 5 who are living in temporary accommodation. We have also been exploring the experiences of professionals working across health, education and housing, and working with them to understand how the system could best support children and their families.



## How is it helping?

The evidence collected has already generated a policy brief and includes recommendations for action by the housing, education and health sectors.

In collaboration with artists, third sector and arts-focused organisations, we have been communicating our research evidence through song, murals and theatre to generate discussion and inform advocacy initiatives for families.

The research has also promoted direct engagement with housing developers, integrated care boards and homeless networks and provided recommendations for immediate and long-term actions needed to prevent long-term harm to these children.

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