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From: Bannister, Neil [REDACTED] >
Sent: 08 December 2020 15:10
To: McGhee, Marie [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Subject: RE: ONS reporting by occupation

Hi Marie

Thanks for your email.

Currently HALE is under a lot of pressure to cover different aspects of the COVID pandemic and publish BAU outputs (like the suicide releases out today). We are therefore having to make difficult decisions around priorities so we can deliver new work around long-covid for example, and continue to release key outputs such as weekly and monthly deaths. At present updating the COVID occupations analysis has not been prioritised over other work.

We are looking at getting funding for additional staff, but this is not guaranteed and also would take time. So presently we do not have any firm plans to update the occupation analysis. I know that will be disappointing to some users. We can update the release to that effect. Happy to discuss.

Best wishes

Neil

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From: McGhee, Marie [REDACTED]

Sent: 08 December 2020 14:45

To: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Bannister, Neil [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: ONS reporting by occupation

[REDACTED]

I wondered if you had any thoughts on the email I sent - and sorry, I understand you must be very busy. We have a casework meeting later in the week so it would be great to get your thoughts to feed into that OSR discussion.

Also – I saw the blog on suicide rates today. I think this is a great way to help explain the data, presented in a more accessible format which should help to support appropriate use of the data by non-expert users.

Many thanks

Marie

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From: McGhee, Marie

Sent: 03 December 2020 15:06

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Bannister, Neil <[REDACTED]>

Subject: RE: ONS reporting by occupation

[REDACTED]

Thanks for that, extremely helpful in understanding the situation. Unfortunately, I'm not available tomorrow afternoon, so if it's ok can I share my reflections by email.

It is very understandable at this time that producer teams are having to make decisions and prioritise work, and the Code does support this – thinking particularly of V1.6. I think however the reasons for not providing further updates aren't explained to users and coupled with the fact that the [June output](#) has 'Next release: To be announced', a user or interested party might expect more data to be released.

No doubt there continues to be interest in breakdowns by occupation and understanding the data for specific sub-categories that may be masked by the broad occupational breakdowns. We are certainly aware of interest in data on teachers, and we have seen this come through on social media.

I did wonder if a data only refresh might give you the opportunity to explain your rationale, evidence that by releasing updated data 6 months on, and allowing you communicate your future plans for this output.

Happy to discuss

Marie

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Sent: 03 December 2020 12:27

To: McGhee, Marie

Bannister, Neil

Subject: RE: ONS reporting by occupation

Hi Marie,

Unfortunately I'm in meetings all day until 3pm, and then need to quickly finish something off for a sage request.

I have good availability for tomorrow afternoon if that's any good?

With regards to any future updates. We are not currently planning to update the coronavirus deaths by occupation analysis.

Looking at our previous publications, there was no difference in the pattern of findings when comparing our [first](#) and [second](#) releases, despite the number of deaths being 94% higher (from 1,852 to 3,600 deaths) in the second release.

Since the second release, there has been an increase of 34% (1,209) in the number of deaths among the working age population with a recorded occupation (weekly deaths file from a week ago). Looking at the latest data, the distribution of covid19 deaths across the 9 major occupation groups by sex is almost the same when compared to the [previous release](#). The higher number of deaths now is unlikely to make much difference when added to the 300+ individual occupations by sex.

As most of the covid19 deaths aren't in the working age population, the pattern by occupation will change a lot more slowly if at all.

Since the previous release, we have provided some updates for the health and social care groups on the ad hoc website. We could also consider doing this for other groups if there is a need to do so.

Please let me know if you would like to further discuss.

Best wishes,

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From: McGhee, Marie [REDACTED]

Sent: 03 December 2020 12:13

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: ONS reporting by occupation

[REDACTED]

I hope you are well.

I wondered if you had time for a quick call later today regarding reporting Covid death by occupation. I would be keen to hear plans for future publications of data, when these are scheduled, and how you are communicating that to users.

There is a lot of interest in this data and we spoke previously with the focus on health and social care workers but there is, of course, interest in other particular occupational groups such as educational staff. Have you had a lot of data requests for users about these statistics?

Thanks

Marie

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Nafilyan, Vahe](#); [Bannister, Neil](#); [White, Chris](#); [Glickman, Myer](#); [Tucker, James](#); [Caul, Sarah](#)
Subject: RE: Covid by occupation
Date: 28 October 2021 09:21:40

Good morning,

That's right Neil ... we have provided a few additional updates for health and social care occupations, the latest for deaths registered to the end of Sept.
<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/deaths/adhocs/13800deathsinvolvingcoronaviruscovid19amonghealthandsocialcareworkersthoseaged20to64yearsenglandandwalesdeathsregisteredbetween9march2020and30sep2021>

If you decide an update is required, [REDACTED] could probably take this on.

Best wishes, [REDACTED]

From: Nafilyan, Vahe [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 October 2021 09:20
To: Bannister, Neil [REDACTED]; White, Chris [REDACTED]
Glickman, Myer [REDACTED]; Tucker, James [REDACTED]; Caul, Sarah [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Covid by occupation

Good idea Neil, would be good to have a plan!

Shall we discuss this next week?

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From: Bannister, Neil [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 October 2021 09:18
To: White, Chris [REDACTED]; Glickman, Myer [REDACTED]
Tucker, James [REDACTED] Nafilyan, Vahe [REDACTED]; Caul, Sarah [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Covid by occupation

Hi Myer

I don't think there any plans for an update. [REDACTED] – is that correct?

I believe [REDACTED] has been updating relatively frequently on the health care works occupations through ad hoc releases

I feel that it may be useful to work out what COVID work we should

be looking at continuing to do, who is doing it and when. I don't think we have a coherent plan, or if there is I'm not sighted on it.

Bw

Neil

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From: White, Chris [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 October 2021 08:53
To: Glickman, Myer [REDACTED]; Bannister, Neil [REDACTED]
Tucker, James [REDACTED]; Nafilyan, Vahe <[REDACTED]>; Caul, Sarah <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Covid by occupation

Hi Myer

It was originally carried out by [REDACTED] team. We have no plans to update it, and couldn't take it on currently as we're hitting our busiest time and also have project work.

From: Glickman, Myer [REDACTED] >
Sent: 27 October 2021 17:06
To: Bannister, Neil [REDACTED] Tucker, James [REDACTED]
Nafilyan, Vahe [REDACTED]; Caul, Sarah [REDACTED] White, Chris [REDACTED]
Subject: Covid by occupation

Hi all

I have had a query as to whether there is anything on Covid and occupation later than Jan 2021
<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/healthandsocialcare/causesofdeath/bulletins/coronaviruscovid19relateddeathsbyoccupationenglandandwales/deathsregisteredbetween9marchand28december2020> or if we have plans for anything new?

Thanks for any info.

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