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« Covid-19 and disabled people: Triple jeopardy? »

Prof. Tom Shakespeare will summarise the findings of his current UKRI-funded study on the experiences of UK disabled people in England and Scotland during the Covid-19 pandemic. Disabled people have experienced a tripe jeopardy:

1. Greater risk of contracting or dying from the virus
2. Postponement or cancellation of regular health and rehabilitation appointments
3. Exclusion from society as a result of shielding, social distancing and failure of social responses

Particularly highlighted will be how the virus has revealed underlying inequalities between disabled people and non-disabled people, how disabled people have often been an afterthought in responses to the virus, how civil society for some disabled people is artificial, and dependent on services delivered by statutory and voluntary sector. He will present some suggestions for learning lessons from the current pandemic, so that we might be better prepared for the next one, and for the impact of the global climate emergency.

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