

An exploratory study of how national health service institutions around the globe have coped and continue to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic

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Abstract

The current COVID-19 pandemic has shaken all health service institutions around the globe to their very core. The serious and costly impacts of the pandemic have meant that several other serious health problems requiring attention have had to be abandoned. In the UK for example it was reported that 4.7 million operations were abandoned in 2020 because of the pandemic. This was the trend around the globe. This paper therefore intends to explore how health service institutions around the globe have coped and are still coping with their health obligations towards their citizens. Several countries will be studied in this global study.

The objectives of the study are several. First, to increase our understanding of the many impacts of the pandemic on different areas of our lives including the health aspect, secondly to explore how these health service institutions could widen their capability in the attempt to cope with a similar health pandemic in the future without seriously affecting their ability to support other regular health issues. The study hopes to dwell more on the corporate social responsibility, sustainability, ethics and governance aspects of the pandemic.