

UPDATE FROM ACTION MEDICAL RESEARCH - 27/7/2020

Currently, Action Medical Research are planning to go ahead with the Castle Ride in October following government guidelines at that time of course and limiting the number of riders and the routes .

This will be our first event of the year and as you can imagine it's a very difficult time for the Charity having lost so much income from the events that would have otherwise happened . We are expecting a huge loss of income which will affect the research that we are able to fund moving forward. Like many others, we have many of our staff on furlough and will remain to do so I would expect. We have been doing our best to keep some funds coming in from virtual gift fairs to quizzes on Facebook . It's certainly challenged us to be creative !

We have also launched a £1million campaign to help fund research into COVID-19 as there is a lack of research specifically focusing on children and how the virus affects them. We have brought together an expert advisory group of leading children's health researchers who are helping guide as to how we can best fund research in this important area. Although it isn't thought to affect Children as greatly as adults, some areas that are still unknown are: Why do some children with COVID-19 get so sick and others don't?; Can we better understand vaccines and treatments for COVID-19 in children: And does COVID-19 affect children's brains and does the impact of the pandemic affect their mental health? You can find out more about it on our website. <https://action.org.uk/appeals/covid-19-childrens-research-appeal>