

Dear Communities of Interest network and a happy new year,

As always, this week's email includes a number of updates and resources for you to use and share with the other organisations you work with. [This page](#) provides the latest advice and guidance from the Leeds Public Health team, and signposts you to the relevant local services and resources.

Please do forward this email to anyone who you think would benefit from these updates. Anyone who doesn't currently receive these emails, but would like to in future weeks, can subscribe by emailing communities@forumcentral.org.uk. Thank you as always for your support with sharing these important messages.

Evaluating the Communities of Interest (COI) Network and the Third sector Outbreak Plan established in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We sent out an email in December asking you to share your initial feedback on the COI Network by completing a short online survey and thank you to those who have already completed it.

There are 11 questions to answer and it should take around 10 -15 mins to complete .It would be really helpful if you could complete the survey by Friday 15th Jan 2021. The link the survey is here <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/YPECAD/>

Many thanks for your time. If you have any queries please contact Sarah Frost at sarahefrost@yahoo.co.uk

Grant opportunity for young women in Leeds

Young Women's Emergency Fund £150 Grants - Getaway Girls has partnered with Young Women's Trust to support the distribution of emergency grants for young women.

Please [click here](#) for further details and criteria along with the application form

Leeds Men's Health and Wellbeing Network

For all those working and volunteering in the field of men's health and wellbeing, on **Friday 8th January 10am - 12 noon via Zoom** will be a chance to share your news, explore how we can best support men's health, and to say what you would like from this exciting new network. Joining details [are here](#) or for more info please contact damian.dawtry@forumcentral.org.uk

Covid-19 Vaccination Campaign Resources

The Covid-19 vaccine will be one of the best ways of protecting yourself and starting to get back on the path to normality.

Healthcare workers, social care workers and care home staff will get the free, MHRA approved vaccine.

Resources for the campaign are available on the [Campaign Resource Centre](#) to be shared across your channels and networks locally. These include:

- [Posters](#)

- [Social animations](#)
- [Social statics](#)
- [Additional social](#)
- [Email signatures](#)

Routes to Support For The Clinically Extremely Vulnerable

Partners across the Leeds system are working together to ensure support and information is available to people across all communities who need it. [This document](#) detailing information and Routes to Support for people who are **clinically extremely vulnerable** in Leeds has been updated in response to national guidance published this week. The document is intended to assist anyone working with people in Leeds who may have been advised that they are clinically extremely vulnerable to Covid-19. Local support is also available via the following routes:

- **Online** - www.leeds.gov.uk/shielding
- **Phone** - 0113 376 0330
- **Signlive** - Select LCC Covid19
- **Text number** - 07480 632 471

Vaccine updates and information

Lateral Flow Test (LFT) kits, sometimes known as Rapid Testing Kits can now be made available to front line third sector health and care organisations wishing to pilot the use of the tests with workers. The organisation would need to run the Lateral Flow Tests according to the Standard Operating Procedures and be self-sufficient in the process. Contact us if you would like to find out more. This is not an easy undertaking and it may not be felt to have sufficient benefit for the significant effort it will take. Workers will still be required, regardless of the result, to work safely either at a distance or with personal Protective Equipment (PPE) BUT we have argued that parity of Third Sector Health and Care workers should mean your organisations should have access to Lateral Flow testing (along with Flu and Covid Vaccines) so that is why we are sharing this with you, so you can decide what is best for your organisation.

Vaccine Rollout Frontline health and care staff have been identified as a priority group to receive the vaccine. We are working with our local health and care colleagues to establish the mechanism for front-line Third Sector workers to book vaccines. This will be in the next few weeks and will target those frontline workers who are actively working to support older and people who are more vulnerable to Covid. We will share details of how to access this as soon as we have it, but in the meantime it would be helpful if you begin to collate names and contact details for your frontline workers to be put forward.

The prioritisation request for workers will be in the order below:

1. Clinically Extremely Vulnerable staff
2. Over 50s in front line patient facing roles (organisations to determine which services / roles are highest priority)
3. 16-49s in in front line patient facing roles (organisations to determine which services / roles are highest priority)
4. All other over 50s
5. All other 18-49s

Information about the vaccine can be found on the Leeds CCG pages here - Covid-19 vaccine - [NHS Leeds Clinical Commissioning Group leeds ccg.nhs.uk](https://www.leedsccg.nhs.uk)
A DHSC video covering some of the most frequently asked questions has been published on YouTube can be [found here](#).

Older People and COVID – Proactive and Preventative Approaches Webinar

Wed, 20 January 2021 - 10:00am – 11:30am This webinar session will focus on how we can minimise harm and promote positive mental and physical wellbeing with those aged 60 and over. The session will cover:

- Older people's experiences during COVID-19
- Key messages for people aged 60 and above, their family and their friends
- Resources to support proactive, compassionate conversations
- Signposting opportunities and resources

We would encourage people working to support older people across health and social care to join the session. For information and to book a place please visit: [Older People and Covid 19 Proactive and Preventative Approaches](#)

Looking forward to seeing you all at the next virtual meeting on the 12th January 2021 at 10am

With thanks and best wishes,
The Forum Central Team

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