

Dear Communities of Interest network,

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.

The session notes from the 9th February can be found [here](#) and you can find the [flash card here](#)

Covid 19 Vaccination Workshops

A series of workshops looking at health inequalities and the COVID-19 vaccinations are taking place within the Local Care Partnerships (LCPs) find more information [here](#)

The online workshops will help LCPs develop a local plan for tackling barriers to vaccine uptake, with a particular focus on groups who experience the greatest health inequalities. The interactive workshops will contain information, provided by colleagues in public health on topics including:

- The COVID-19 vaccines
- Having positive conversations about the vaccines
- Frequently asked questions and helpful answers

If you would like to join one of the workshops or would like to know more, please contact the LCP development team on lcht.lcpdevelopment@nhs.net. If you are already a member of one of the LCPs, you will automatically receive an invitation.

Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV)

Can you help make a difference to people who are clinically extremely vulnerable as part of Leeds's efforts to respond to Coronavirus? Leeds City Council's Health Partnerships Team is setting up a new reference group to make sure that people who are Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (people who are 'shielding') are able to stay happy and healthy at home, making the decisions about their own health and wellbeing that 'are right for me', because they have received relevant and tailored messaging and information. Find out more [here](#)

It would be amazing if we could find a diverse group of people to be part of the project to make shielding messages relevant! To find out more, please contact covid.partners@Leeds.gov.uk

Guidance on changes to the Mental Health Act

Because of the coronavirus crisis, professionals might have to change the way they use the Mental Health Act. The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and NHS England (NHSE) have provided guidance to professionals which you can find [here](#)

Because of the coronavirus crisis, the government has also made some temporary changes to the Mental Health Act. But at the moment, these changes have not been used. So, professionals will be using the Mental Health Act in the normal way

Forum Central Quarterly Members Update

Find out more about our round up of "what's happening at Forum Central" - [click here](#) to find out more.

Leeds health experts to host Facebook Live COVID vaccine

Health professionals from Leeds are running a Facebook live session about the COVID vaccine on Saturday 20 February from 2pm-3pm.

The diverse panel will see four GPs in Leeds and a public health expert from the city help provide clear information on the vaccination programme. They will be on hand to answer any questions that people may have so that people can make an informed decision on the vaccine when they are invited to attend an appointment.

The panel for the session is as below.

- Dr Amal Paul, GP in Leeds
- Dr Julie Duodu, GP in Leeds
- Lucy Jackson, Chief Officer and Consultant in Public Health
- Dr Mohammed Sattar, GP in Leeds
- Dr Nadia Anderson, GP in Leeds

The session will be available through the NHS in Leeds' Facebook page www.facebook.com/nhsleeds. A recording of the session will be made available on the Facebook page, giving people a chance to listen back at a time of their choosing. To submit a question in advance please email leedsccg.comms@nhs.net

To get the latest information, including FAQs and videos from local community and faith leaders that you can share within your networks (e.g. on WhatsApp), please visit www.leedsccg.nhs.uk/Covid-Vaccine

Reminder our single go-to online site is being updated on an almost daily basis, please use and share the link www.leedsccg.nhs.uk/Covid-Vaccine - lots of videos on the page for communities that can be shared by any mean that works for you/your networks

Many thanks
Forum Central Team
