

Connecting Communities of Interest During COV-19

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Leeds Communities of Interest Current Issues



Week Commencing 8th February 2021.

- Loneliness, Isolation and increase in suicide or thoughts of suicide in men.
- Increase in domestic violence reported from men and women's services.
- Increased levels of anxiety and panic disorders in older people and a feeling of losing control over their affairs such as being able to do their own banking/shopping.
- Lack of digital devices across the city
- Barriers for "undocumented" people coming into or already in the country - how to include in the vaccination roll out.
- Positive stories from people receiving vaccine.
- Quality of signposting/referral pathway from service to service has declined and people feeling "dumped"

Anticipated

- Financial pressure for services/organisations and increased demand once lockdown restrictions lifted.
- Census – reports that people do not feeling comfortable disclosing personal data such as faith/religion.

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Looking back at the last update...

Week Commencing 01.02.2021

- Getting real time information out quickly ie braille
- Rush of people registering for carer status at GP's to enable being in priority group for the vaccine.
- Mental health a priority due to multiple responsibilities of women eg. childcare and working from home.
- People struggling with bereavement is a big issue as well as funerals and not adhering to Covid-19 rules.
- Increase in numbers accessing the Tempest Road foodbank
- Low level mental health support but they don't have the resources.
- Safeguarding concerns as children not in school
- Confusion over medication and interactions with the vaccine