

## Leeds Communities of Interest Current Issues



Week Commencing 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

- Unemployment, anxiety, and phobias to reopening the city.
- Rise in substance and domestic abuse
- Vaccine hesitancy within some women's areas which include breastfeeding or causing fertility issues, not enough trials have been done.
- Paused treatments and hospital waiting lists – when will this restart?
- Staffing of foodbanks once people/volunteers go back to work.
- Exhaustion/fed up moods/social isolation.
- People expressing concerns about being called vulnerable.
- Confusion and some stopped taking medication to have the vaccine.
- Dental care and treatments, unable to register with dental practices.

### Anticipated

- Concerns around evictions from tenancies as halt to evictions ends.
- How to engage with those who don't engage with health/social care, they will be left even further behind

Looking back at the last update...

Week Commencing 22.02.2021

- Ongoing myths around the vaccine – work underway to combat these and ensure people have the right information to make an informed decision – this work is not about pushing people into taking the vaccine.
- There appears to be a shift in some COI around the vaccine and those who had previously said no are now changing their minds.
- Young people concerned over lost school hours and returning into the classroom environment, exams, and uncertain futures.
- Increased drug taking across some sectors.
- Homeless people in temporary or shared accommodation are having less family contact time.
- Anxiety/concerns when restrictions are lifted, and road map begins, employability, returning to work environments.