

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.

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.

Communities of Interest Zoom Session - 7th April 2021

Thank you to all who were able to attend last week's session. [Notes are available here](#) The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 21 April 2021 12.30pm to 2pm** - Tim Taylor will talk about vaccine hesitancy and what support might be available to support communities.

Roving vaccination clinic – Chapeltown

As part of the health inequalities plan, a Roving vaccination clinic has also been developed. Working very closely in partnership with the Chapeltown Primary Care Network, we have used data to identify areas of low vaccination uptake as well as local insight. The data has identified lower vaccination uptake in the area and so the vaccination bus is planned to be at: **BAME Health and Wellbeing Hub** (formerly the Frederick Hurdle Day Centre) **Tuesday 13th April to Friday 16th April 10am to 3pm** If there are any volunteers able to support with the bus / door knocking, please contact Laura.Fitzgerald@leeds.gov.uk to register interest.

Week Com.	Location	Bus Site Tuesday to Fridays only
12-Apr	Chapeltown	BAME Wellbeing Hub (formerly Fredrick Hurdle Day Cent
19-Apr	Holbeck	Meynell Approach, Adjacent to St Matthew's Church
26-Apr	Gipton	Foundry Lane - venue tbc
03-May	Little London	tbc
10-May	Armley/New Wortley	tbc
17-May	Chapeltown	tbc

Eligibility and booking process

The vaccinations are still in line with the JCVI cohorts and so anyone aged 50 or above, an unpaid carer, or have an underlying health condition is eligible to receive the Covid-19 vaccine. For more information or to get involved with the [door knocking please see guidance here.](#)

Everyone in England can now [access free lateral flow tests](#) twice weekly. Tests can be ordered for home delivery, collected at local test

sites, through pharmacies, or through workplace, school and community testing programmes. Click here for [ordering from gov.uk](#)

Phase 2 of the COVID-19 vaccination programme

The 4 UK health ministers have [issued a joint statement](#) on JCVI advice for phase 2 of the COVID-19 vaccination programme.

The independent Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) has today published its [final advice for phase 2 of the COVID-19 vaccination programme](#), setting out that the most effective way to minimise hospitalisations and deaths is to continue to prioritise people by age.

In line with its interim advice, the JCVI has recommended an age-based approach with adults aged 18 to 49 prioritised in descending age order as follows:

- all those aged 40 to 49 years
- all those aged 30 to 39 years
- all those aged 18 to 29 years

Coronavirus Update - LEEDS

A detailed report as of the [12th April can be found here](#)

Shielding Flexible Support Fund

The [Shielding flexible support fund](#) will offer one off grants of either £250 or £500 for people who are in the shielding cohort only, and who are financially impacted by the request to shield.

Thanks to everyone in #TeamLeeds for playing their part. This is tough for everybody, but please remember everyone's experience is different - **#BeKind and support each other** #TogetherLeeds.

Key Issues reminder: Ahead of our next virtual meeting, it would be really helpful if you could return a **brief (no more than a paragraph) summary of the key issues that are emerging** within the community in which you work.

This may include:

- The challenges people within your community of interest are facing
- The challenges your organisation and supporting organisations working with your community of interest are facing
- Examples of how organisations are overcoming challenges
- Asks of decision makers

Any input you can provide is very much appreciated, and will help us to continue the conversations we've been having and maintain momentum.

Opportunity to connect with the join Health and Wellbeing Board

The Communities of Interest Network has been working with Health and Well-being Board and Healthwatch to develop meaningful engagement with marginalised least heard communities and key city decision-makers through:

Allyship

- o Agreeing process for identifying third sector organisations (e.g. communities of interest with greatest health inequalities to begin with)
- o 3 page document providing an overview incl. principles, etc., role of the third sector organisation and role of the HWB member.

H&WB Work programme

- o Expectations around CoI Network involvement for the item and at a HWB meeting as co-partners

We would like your ideas about how to do this, examples of allyship/two way mentoring that we can use to develop a draft plan by the end of April and we are also keen to hear from volunteers to get involved

Many thanks

Stacey on behalf of the Forum Central Team