

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 **10th March can be found here** and you can find the **flash card here**

### **Leeds Shielding Diversity Group**

Working with community interpreters, Leeds City Council's Health Partnerships Team is making sure that people who are **Clinically Extremely Vulnerable** (people who are 'shielding') are able to stay happy and healthy at home.

Each week, the Shielding Diversity Group interpreters and volunteers (several of whom with experience of shielding) shape key messages to support people who are shielding. They then interpret the messages into community languages such as Arabic, French and BSL, producing video clips and audio files to go with slides

So far, they have the following material available along with BSL example here: <https://youtu.be/JfR3qrMmfGQ> with more topics and languages to come:

### **Facebook Live session: COVID-19 vaccine and Ramadan -Thursday 25 March from 6-7pm**

Please share with and encourage your networks to join this live session which will focus on the vaccine and Ramadan, you can find out more details here.

### **Hamara are holding a Q&A session Tuesday 30th March 5.30pm.**

With Dr Sarwar from the Beeston & Middleton PCN as an opportunity for the community to raise concerns and ask questions about the vaccine and vaccination process for more information click here or email [admin@hamara.co.uk](mailto:admin@hamara.co.uk)

### **NHS text alerts for COVID-19 vaccine**

The national booking service is also sending invitations and reminders to some people by text. These will be sent using the Government's secure Notify service and will show as being sent from 'NHSvaccine' with a link to the NHS.uk website

### **TRAINING OPPORTUNITY: Tackling misunderstandings about Muslim communities.**

Funding has recently been secured from the Home Office through the Building a Stronger Britain Together programme to enable Leeds City Council to run three training sessions on **"Tackling misunderstandings**

**about Muslim communities”.**

The sessions are aimed at frontline staff that work directly with diverse communities and you can find out [more information with dates and times of the sessions here.](#)

**Rapid testing for key workers at 3 new sites.**

[More information can be found here.](#)

Many thanks

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