

Communities of Interest Virtual Session Notes

7 April 2021
1:30pm to 3pm

Attendees

- **Rachael**-Clinically Extremely Vulnerable lead, Health Partnerships Team
- **Tatum**- Healthwatch Leeds
- **Jay**- Leeds Faith Forum
- **Sam**- Leed City Council
- **Zoe**- Leeds Older People Forum, Forum Central
- **Ali Kaye**- Neighbourhood Networks, Leeds Older People Forum
- **Sarah**- Mental Health Lead, Forum Central
- **Roxana**- Forum Central
- **Owen**- Leeds Autism
- **Natalie**- Forum Central
- **Chris and Paul**- CCG
- **Stacey** -Forum Central (Chair)

Stacey welcomed everyone and encouraged anyone who would like to chair future meetings, lead on a topic or suggest an area to discuss at a future meeting to let her know.

Latest COVID position

- Infection rate over 100/100.000
- 31 March was the first date since 9 October when the number of deaths has not been reported
- 38 covid patients in hospital
- 83 education setting are reporting increasing numbers of cases
- 12 cases among students
- Over 349.000 people had their first vaccination
- Next week the vaccination minibus will be at **Nowell Mount Community Centre, Nowell Mount, Harehills, LS9 6HR** on **Tuesday 6 April to Friday 9 April from 10am – 3pm**. [You can find the flyer here.](#)

Introductions/check ins

Stacey-FC

A new vaccine grant scheme will be available for the communities with reach in areas with vaccine hesitancy.

Older People Forum will also have a new grant scheme for tackling mental health issues.

Forum Central is moving all the data from the spreadsheets to a different contacts record system and so the emails from the community of interest mailbox might look different.

Rachael- Health Partnerships Team

Gave a presentation with updates regarding CEV people. A toolkit with more information can be found [here](#).

Key takeaways:

- We are saying the 'pause' for shielding rather than shielding as ended.
- Reports that people are socially anxious and have been affected financially, but information and guidance is available (English and other languages)
- Organisations with potential reach to CEV people are welcomed to come with ideas on how to further support them (funding is available). Please [complete this form](#) and return by the 12th April.

A CEV transition roadmap for the next 6 months [can be found here](#).

Chis- CCG engagement

A document is in progress which shows how the city listened to people's requests and concerns. This includes:

- information in an understandable format
- Digital inclusion

Vaccine feedback is being gathered from people going to Elland Road and Thackray Medical Museum, and the report will include feedback from people in the wider LCPs areas.

Tatum- Healthwatch Leeds

Report following the vaccine survey for 25-55 aged people revealed that, out of 560 people:

- 85% will get vaccinated
- 8% will not get the vaccine
- 7% are unsure
- men and women have similar responses
- hesitancy reported mainly by pregnant women, people with mental health conditions and care workers

Jay- Leeds Faith Forum

The Faith Covenant Document is almost done and should be ready to share shortly.

Aly- FC

Work on helping older people deal with the 'new normal' following the opening of many facilities after 12 April.

Reports social anxiousness among older people.

Zoe- FC

22 April – restarting activities event. The link for the event can be found [here](#).
The What's on Activity resource is there for people to check up the events in the following weeks. You can find it [here](#).
Dementia Friendly What's On can be found [here](#).
Mindwell [has relaunched their website](#) which is user friendly and has a wide range of resources in different languages.

Sam- LCC

Community Champions recruitment is open and training has started.
Work underway to make the training accessible for people with learning disabilities.
The project offers a grants scheme up to £1000.
All European citizens are encouraged to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme by 30 June 2021.
The government has published a new Immigration Plan which is under consultation at the moment.

Owen- Leeds Autism

Work underway to help service users access services after 12 April.
On track with the work on Health passports. Plans to finish it in May.
Reported anxiousness from staff members and service users.
[CHANGE which is part of Advonet](#) does lots of work around making training and resources accessible for people with learning disabilities and or autism.

Paul- CCG Communications

People from more diverse communities are reluctant to have the vaccine.
People are encouraged to watch the vaccine medical experts' talks on their [Facebook page](#).

Next meeting

Wednesday 21 April 2021 12.30pm to 2pm

Tim Taylor will talk about vaccine hesitancy and what support might be available to support communities.