

Communities of Interest Virtual Session Notes

21 April 2021

12:30pm to 2pm

Attendees

- **Roxana-** Forum Central
- **Gabby-** FC/Reps
- **Tim-** Public Health
- **Zoe-** LOPF
- **Owen-** Leeds Autism Aid
- **Hannah-** Healthwatch Leeds
- **Claire-** Voluntary Action Leeds
- **Emily-** Women's Live Leeds
- **Chis-** CCG
- **Abdullah-** Leeds Mind
- **Jag-** Leeds Involving People
- **Fern-** William Merrit
- **Stephen-** Carers Leeds
- **Ann -**Young Lives Leeds
- **Sarah-** FC/Mental Health

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

- 47.3 cases per 100.000
- Positivity rate, death rate and over 60s rate are stable
- 500.000 people have had the first vaccination and 110.000 have had both vaccinations

Introductions/check ins

Tim- Public Health

- Continuous decrease in number of cases
- Over 40% of people in Leeds had their vaccinations
- There is still some vaccine hesitancy in areas across the city but different initiatives have been put in place to tackle this (vaccination bus, grant schemes, community champions). Women only vaccination clinic is another project that is on the radar.

Owen- Leeds Autism

Reported anxiousness due to the lack of choice for the Covid vaccine and also reluctance to go out and have the vaccine.

Work on supporting people that have needle phobia.

Involved in a health inequalities project to support people that can't access health and care services.

[They produced a guide](#) for making information accessible for autistic people, people with dyslexia, dyspraxia, dyscalculia and ADHD.

Hannah- Healthwatch Leeds

Collaborating with the Health and Wellbeing board to outline the voice of people and 2 reports have been created.

Working on the report concerning: "What can be changed in the Health and care system to tackle inequalities?".

Key themes are:

- Key role of the GP practices
- Accessing health and care services such as dentistry and how this impacts poverty.
- Digital inclusion

They are now developing a new Health and Inequalities toolkit.

Jag -LIP

Partnership with FC & HW going well.

Meetings around mental health strategies.

Working with LCC and communities on transport strategy and climate change.

Emily - WLL

Women only vaccination clinics will start after Ramadan and will be suitable for culturally diverse women and/or who need to take dependents to appointments.

Launched the campaign regarding women inequalities.

Stephen- Carers Leeds

Improving the digital support for carers and 78 tablets have been provided so far.

Supporting carers in getting back to face to face interactions.

Reporting issues with finding suitable and safe venues for people to meet.

Ann- Young Lives Leeds

Helping families with people that were deregistered from schools.

People under 35 have been the most affected by unemployment.

Supporting shielders and promoting awareness about vaccines.

Jen- TLA

Working on their roadmaps in line with the government guidelines.
Most of their staff started having the vaccine.
Supporting young people and helping them get ready to have the vaccine when their turn comes.

Claire- VAL

Supporting volunteers in community hubs and fighting against the existing inequalities. These hubs are looking to group with others to work together.

Reported mental health issues, uncertainty about the food supply after June.

Engagement with the neurological community services.

Chris- CCG

Analysing the number of volunteers for vaccine activities and discovered that around 300 volunteers weekly.

Around 4000 people have provided feedback on their vaccine experience and shared their thoughts around the vaccine.

Worked on the #TeamLeeds document to:

- Demonstrate how we have listened to local people during the pandemic
- Outline some of the key themes from feedback
- Give examples of how we have responded to peoples feedback

A final draft [can be found here](#). Any feedback please email chris.bridle@nhs.net.

Next meeting

Wednesday 5 May 2021 13.30pm to 3pm