

Dear Communities of Interest network,

This week has been very busy with lots of information coming through, the latest information in this email is from the last few days and felt appropriate to share now rather than wait due to the Easter Holiday break.

### **Update from Leeds City Councils Safer Stronger Communities Team**

We're making real progress in Leeds, but our Covid rate is now 119 per 100,000 (up 21% in the last week), and above the England average of 54.9. The new UK variant spreads very easily, and outbreaks are occurring in workplaces and high schools.

The recent figures show that fewer people are in hospital, and fewer outbreaks are happening in care homes, with falling infections among over-60s (32.3 per 100, 12% lower this week).

Vaccinations are in progress, with over 349,000 people in Leeds having received the jab as of 30 March (about 48% of the population) but new infections are still happening.

As restrictions relax, it's even more important to remember that people are still vulnerable. Please **act as though you have the virus**, follow the **hands/face/space, test/trace/isolate** rules, and keep working #TogetherLeeds

More information around vaccinations and testing can be found at the [Leeds CCG website](#). Information to support businesses and individuals can be found on the [council's website](#).

### **Vaccination Minibus**

The NHS continues to run the largest vaccination programme in its history, to support this we are using a vaccination minibus to increase vaccination uptake in various areas across Leeds.

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.](#)

If you know someone who is eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine, please encourage them to come to the vaccination minibus. We have healthcare professionals who will be able to answer any questions or concerns they may have about the vaccine.

This service is available if you are:

- 50 and over
- An unpaid carer

- Have underlying health conditions, or
- Received a text message from your GP practice inviting you to the vaccine.

### **Clinically Extremely Vulnerable ( CEV or Shielding)**

Shielding paused on the 31st March 2021 and new guidance for anyone who is clinically extremely vulnerable is now in place from the **1st April 2021**.

You can find the [guidance and leaflet here](#).

### **Leeds CCG insight Covid-19**

As a city we have spent a lot of time listening to people about their experience of COVID-19 and telling people what they need to do to stay safe. It's important that we close the loop and outline what we have been doing as #TeamLeeds to respond to public feedback.

Thanks for sharing all your excellent examples. Chris has started to pull this together into an 8 page document that we can share with partners and the public. I think this will demonstrate how we are working together as one health and care system to respond to some of the key things people have been telling us over the last year.

[The document which is here](#) will consist of:

- Page 1 – an introduction to the pandemic and to #TeamLeeds
- Page 2 - an outline of all the ways we have been listening to people over the last year (Healthwatch weekly checkins etc)
- Pages 3-7 – outlining five key themes from feedback with examples of how we are working together to address these
- Page 8 – information about the vaccine, the future, how people can help and a thanks to the public, our volunteers and health and care staff.

I'd be really grateful if you could give us some feedback on the document by **Wed 7 April** so that we can finish the document and start sharing it w/c **12 April 2021**.

### **Healthwatch Check In**

Our latest check-in survey is targeting those people aged between 25-55 and we are asking how they feel about getting the vaccine. We would appreciate it if you could share widely with your networks, work colleagues, friends and family. The survey link is here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LeedsVaccine2021>

Please note that if anyone wants this in an alternative format or would like to go through the survey with someone on the phone then please contact Healthwatch Leeds on 0113 8980035.

Many thanks  
Forum Central Team