

Communities of Interest Virtual Session Notes

10th March 2021

1:30pm to 3pm

Attendees

- **Stuart** - Healthwatch Leeds
- **Caroline**-CCG
- **Jen**- (TLA)
- **Emily**- Women's Hub (WLL)
- **Jag B**- Leeds Involving People
- **Simon**-Leeds Faith Forum
- **Sophie**-Hamara
- **Owen**- Leeds Autism Aid
- **Zoe**- Older People
- **Stacey** - Forum Central (Chair)
- **Roxana**- Forum central
- **Sarah**- Forum Central

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

- Under 100/100.00 cases in Leeds which is a 34% reduction
- Testing in the LS8 area went really well and people were really receptive
- 255,000 people had their vaccination
- Over 3 quarters of CEV people had their vaccine so far
- New vaccination clinic starts at Bilal centre on 10 March
- Rapid testing for key workers at 3 new sites, more [information can be found here.](#)
- Leeds and York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (LYPFT) is offering vaccination appointments at The Mount (Woodhouse, Leeds) for ALL health and care workers, including those working in the Third Sector, not limited to the frontline. To book an appointment, **email cvacmountannexe.lypft@nhs.net or phone 0113 85 58866** from 9am – 7pm

Introductions/check ins

Stacey-FC

Leeds City council, Forum Central, Voluntary Action Leeds and Hamara have partnered together to roll out a community champions programme which will

support communities/volunteers when having positive conversations around the vaccine. Training and support will be offered through this project, we will be holding a virtual session in the coming weeks to give more information and how to get involved.

Caroline- CCG

On 25th of March there will be a facebook live session on vaccine Q&A.

Reminder that the [CCG website is the main place to go for up to date vaccine information.](#)

Beeston Vaccine Bus pilot - this is still being developed and we will share more information once we have it.

Sarah- FC

Burnout and staff wellbeing are still issues across the board and there will be a [Wellbeing @Work Conference](#) next week, which will include loads of examples of best practice. It's free to attend if you're part of the Leeds Mindful Employer Network, [which you can join for free](#) if you aren't already a member.

Some third sector organisations have identified that aiding transition is an important priority going forward - particularly for those with OCD, agoraphobia, autism, learning disabilities and those who have experienced trauma.

One of the at risk populations identified are those at risk of being unemployed - there are some cliff edges upcoming to be aware of for the unemployed and wider population:

- Coronavirus eviction ban (31st March)
- End of furlough scheme (30th September)
- Potential surge in redundancies (or changing employment terms to Zero Hour contracts)

Forum Central is setting up a reference group around **access to crisis services**, which will feed into the Mental Health Collaborative. The first meeting will be on **Tuesday 20th April 1-3pm. Please email sarah.wilson@forumcentral.org.uk for more details about the group, or to be added to the distribution list.**

Jen- TLA (Turning Lives Around- Homelessness, drug and alcohol issues)

Working on reorganisation response for coming out of lockdown whilst considering staff with mental health problems a priority.

Emily- (Women's Lives Leeds) Issues around the vaccine messages and maternity and breastfeeding because there have been no trials in pregnant women and the information appears unclear.

Stuart- Healthwatch

Work underway with vaccine hesitancy in healthy populations due to concerns about fertility.

Health inequalities report has been finished thanks to everybody's contributions

Some of the top issues highlighted are:

- accessible health and care services,
- impact of poverty in accessing services,
- digital inclusion,
- extended appointment hours.

Ongoing research on the recent issues with availability of NHS patients in dentist clinics. Next check-in will be how waiting lists and delayed appointments have affected people.

Owen- (Autism Aim)

Supporting the Elland Road vaccination site so that it meets the needs of Autistic people. Working with LHTT developing a form to fill in for each individual needing these adjustments.

Higher numbers of people in their 50s-60s do not have an Autism diagnosis.

Work underway for arguing that autistic people should be added on the priority list for vaccination.

Being more optimistic about the covid recovery plan and helping the community plan their priorities post covid.

LCPs are looking to address the inequality concerns.

Simon- Leeds Faith Forum

The CCG is putting together some videos with faith leaders talking about the importance of vaccinations to increase vaccine uptake.

Emphasises how for a whole year the key faith festivals have been celebrated respecting government guidelines.

Leeds Faith Forum is finalising the strategic plan, getting feedback from some of the board members and people that want to collaborate are welcomed.

Sophie- Hamara

Assigned people at vaccination sites to help with vaccine administration.

Will have a Q&A session 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](#).

Aware that despite the roadmap, some people will still struggle after June 2021 and they focus on making sure their communities will be supported and food provision will continue.

Jag- Leeds Involving People

Work underway with the Transport strategy refresh and with getting people's views together which will be discussed at the community forum alongside the access usability group.

At the Death Forum there will be discussion about myth busting around covid and have medical experts to share their views.

The Listening Project with Social Care continues, encouraging African and Pakistani/Indian communities to have access to social care.

Zoe- (LOPF)

Social-isolation, loneliness, bereavement and grief, panic attacks and mental health issues, increase in domestic abuse and substance abuse.

Being called vulnerable led to low self-esteem.

Big disparity between people eager to come out of lockdown and people lacking the resources and being already exhausted from the lockdown.

Vaccination messages are confusing and this led to older people wrongly stopping medication.

Focus on reconditioning the mental health of older people.

Next meeting

Wednesday 24 March 2021 1.30pm to 3pm