

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.

Also, please find the COI meeting (19th May) [session notes here](#)

We want to make it as easy as possible for you to share your knowledge of what's happening within communities, the challenges you're facing as an organisation and the successes you've achieved. If you have information you would like to share with us, before our next meeting, please use the ['Share your knowledge'](#) button on our website.

Please forward this email to anyone who you think would benefit from these updates. Anyone who doesn't currently receive these emails, but would like to in future weeks, can subscribe by emailing communities@forumcentral.org.uk. Thank you as always for your support with sharing these important messages.

Women's-only vaccine clinic

A new women's-only vaccine clinic will be open from Monday 24 – Friday 28 May, 10am-4pm, at the Reginald Centre, LS7 3EX.

Please use these flyers and the materials created to be shared on social media:

- [flyer 1](#) (Women Lives's Leeds)
- [flyer 2](#) (NHS)
- Facebook and Instagram [graphic](#)
- Twitter [graphic](#)

Women's Safety Survey

Women Friendly Leeds are extremely excited to announce the launch of our [Women's Safety Survey here](#) as part of their campaign: **Switch on to Women's Safety – This Has to Involve Us All**". This is a vital step in exploring how we can make Leeds a safer city for us all.

You can complete **it by 7 June** and it takes between **10-15 minutes** to complete and **is completely anonymous**. Printable copies are available on request.

Healthwatch

Healthwatch are looking to speak to organisations and networks to get insight from people who has English as a 2nd language and any challenges they might have incurred accessing health and care services

Please do share/feedback any knowledge around this. before the 25th May to communities@forumcentral.org.uk

#Team Leeds Response to Covid

This report outlines the #TeamLeeds approach to working with people during the pandemic and how we've worked across the city to respond to feedback. It highlights key stats and examples of what partners across the city have been doing - A big thank you to everyone who contributed to this.

Lockdown Roadmap update

The Government has confirmed that the next stage of easing restrictions will take place as planned **as of the 17 May**.

- [The full guidance is here](#)
- See updated [guidance for schools](#)
- The [meeting family and friends guidance](#) has been updated to reflect the emphasis on personal choice around close contact with loved ones and also the on-going risks of covid.

Social distancing must continue in public places, workplaces and on transport as the Chief Medical Officer has shared an expectation that infection rates will rise following reopening- particularly amongst younger, unvaccinated age groups- and so everyone must continue to take precautions.

Covid testing

One in three people have no symptoms and it is still possible to transmit and catch Covid, even if you have had the vaccination.

Stay safe and protect others by continuing to:

- wear a mask, social distance and meet outdoors, which is safer, if you can.
- If you have symptoms, self-isolate and get a test. Every household in Leeds can now access [home testing kits](#) for use twice weekly, which can help you when making decisions on when to visit and have close contact with friends and family.

EU Settlement Scheme

As we start to get closer to the EU Settlement Scheme grace period deadline of 30 June 2021, we are working on a final push to encourage registration to the scheme.

[EU Nationals in Leeds Support Available During the Grace Period](#)

[Support with EUSS applications](#)

[Migration Team Referral and Consent Form for support by POMOC](#)

- EU nationals can also be signposted to Julie Linley julie.linley@svp.org.uk at **St Vincent's**, language support for Dutch and Italian is available.
- EUSS sessions at The Compton Centre take place every Monday and Friday only, from 10am to 4pm by appointment. All bookings must come through WAD (We Are Digital). Staff at Compton can support with booking appointments and arrange for interpreters for their appointment if council enquiry related. Further information in the EUSS booklet.
- If there are any EU nationals from other countries struggling to register, please get in touch with Henriette Mahamane Henriette.Mahamane@leeds.gov.uk who will support/direct.

Many thanks

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