

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.

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.

New pharmacy vaccination centres

The NHS vaccination rollout in Leeds is getting a boost with the addition of four new pharmacy centres.

Anyone in the eligible groups, which now include **people 30 and over**, will be able to [book an appointment at the following venues](#) from this week.

Mobile testing locations

Testing remains an important part of the strategy.

Mobile testing Units are open 9am-3pm- [book here](#), for people with Covid-19 symptoms.

More info on [local testing options here](#). You can also access the [rapid twice weekly home testing kits](#) .

Healthy Holidays Summer 2021 - Funding opportunity

£3.5m has been made available to fund healthy food and enriching activities for children living in poverty over Easter, Summer and Christmas 2021.

Applications for schools are now open [and can be accessed here](#), the application for third sector organisations [can be accessed here](#).

Both applications close on the 14th June.

[Community Champions Training for People with a Learning Disability](#)

Training for people who have a learning disability has been developed to provide more information about how they can get involved with the [Community Champions programme](#). The sessions will be co-delivered by a trainer with lived experience. The programme provides volunteers with the opportunity to spread positive and up to date health messages around Covid-19

Vaccination Bus

The minibus will be revisiting the 10 different areas it has already been to across Leeds to give people their second vaccinations. Anyone in an eligible group who has not had their first dose is also encouraged to visit the minibus when it comes to their area.

[For more information and locations visit the website page.](#)

Healthwatch

Experiences of people during pandemic

The Covid-19 pandemic has meant that some people are experiencing delays in receiving their treatment and care. From 29th April to 24th May 2021 Health Watch ran a survey to hear from people about the delays they have experienced and the impact this was having. They received 83 responses to the survey and heard from support groups and organisations about the impact of delayed and paused care and treatments. **[You can find the report here.](#)**

End of Life Care Report

Health Watch have worked with Leeds Palliative Care Network to carry out a piece of work to find out about people's experience of end of life care in a community setting (care home, hospice, own home). This information would be a part of the project called the "Leeds Dying Well in the Community" project to look at the current system and feed into the future service redesign. **[You can find the report here.](#)**

Leeds Prevent Communities Newsletter June 2021

Welcome to the fifth edition of our [bimonthly Community newsletter](#) produced by the Leeds Prevent Team. We want to keep you up-to-date with current information in respect to safeguarding against radicalisation, key policies, strategic updates, funding, training and good practice. The next edition will be released in August 2021.

Smart Health Inclusion Peers Advocacy project (SHIPS)

SHIPS are looking for individuals with lived experience of homelessness who now wish to train as a peer independent advocate supporting people who are currently experiencing homelessness.

There will provide free training and a digital device along with expenses to undertake this voluntary role. [Please see the attached document](#) for greater detail of the project and [the poster](#). The **closing date will be the 30th June**.

Leeds Cancer Awareness Project

Are you running an online group and would like the team to join you and raise awareness for cancer symptoms and cancer prevention? Get in touch with them. [You can find the flyer here.](#)

The team works with local communities, talking to people in their own environments such as shops, pubs and clubs, social events, workplaces as well as talking to people in established social groups.

Many thanks

Stacey on behalf of Forum Central