

Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

Report to: Outer North West Community Committee
Adel and Wharfedale, Guiseley and Rawdon, Horsforth and Otley
and Yeadon

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For recommendation / to note

Outer North West Community Committee - Update Report

Purpose of report

1. To bring to members' attention an update of the work which the Communities Team is engaged in, based on priorities identified by the Community Committee. It also provides opportunities for further questioning, or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.
2. This report provides regular updates on some of the key activities between Community Committee meetings and functions delegated to Community Committees, Community Champions roles, community engagement, partnership and locality working.

Updates by theme:

Children and Families: Councillor Billy Flynn

3. Since the last meeting the Children and Families Sub Group have met twice. On Friday 8th October the sub group met and recommended 3 YAF projects for approval which has since been approved by DDN. The Sub group met again on Tuesday 19th October to discuss SENSAP.
4. Val Waite - Head of Learning Service Inclusion attended the meeting and provided an update on EHCPs from the SENSAP and city SEN educational perspectives. Members were updated that there are capacity issues in SENSAP which will not be helped by the potential loss of a senior member officer from the department. There is a historical issue around annual reviews of EHCPs which are the statutory responsibility of SENSAP.

Plans are completed by schools, but they must be signed off by SENSAP. Members were made aware that only around 50% of plans are being reviewed annually on time and priority is accorded to children in transition.

Val was clear that the initial assessments before a plan is agreed were being carried out largely to timetable.

5. There is a capability issue in schools and SENSAP have a programme to support schools in this area. These problems predate Covid and are a legacy of the change to EHCPs from Statements first introduced in the 2014 Children's Act. There has been a huge increase in the number of EHCPs, far more than Statements. Since this meeting C&F Directorate have reported a shortage of children's social workers which will obviously have an adverse effect on the learning of vulnerable children.
6. Two members expressed concern about the process following enquiries from constituents.
7. The next meeting is scheduled for January and will cover the quality of Alternative Provision.

Environment and Community Safety: Councillor: Barry Anderson

8. Councillor Anderson to provide a verbal update.

Transport- Cllr Wadsworth

9. The Transport sub group meeting took place via Zoom on Friday 15th October. A colleague from highways attending the meeting and provided sub group members on the below projects taking place in Outer North West. Sub Group members were updated on the below schemes;
 - CIP Phase 1: Fink Hill, Dyneley Arms
 - CIP Phase 2: A660 Lawnswood Roundabout
 - Levelling Up Fund incl. Horsforth Roundabout
 - East of Otley Relief Road
 - Pool-in-Wharfedale update
 - Leeds Bradford Airport
 - Netherfield Road multi-storey car park
10. WYCA and First are attending the next meeting in January 2022 to discuss public transport and bus travel in Outer North West.

Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care: Councillor Graham Latty

11. Councillor Latty to provide a verbal update.

12. Employment and Skills update: Councillor Ryk Downes

13. An update was given from the Employment and Skills team at the September Community Committee therefore the next update will be provided at the Community Committee in March 2022.

14. Public Health Key Messages:

As Leeds moves towards the colder winter months and more people move in doors it is essential that residents in Leeds follow the advice below.

15. Vaccinations in Leeds.

When residents are called for their vaccination / or 'booster jabs' it is extremely important they attend to help reduce infection rates within Leeds so we can return to a normal life as soon as possible.

If any local community members have any fears or anxiety about receiving the vaccination they can talk to their local doctor, health professional, LCC Public Health officer or visit these approved information site.

- Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine - NHS (www.nhs.uk)
- <https://www.leedsccg.nhs.uk/health/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine/>

Leeds City Council Public Health Resource Centre are offering a number of free sessions currently in webinar form due to the coronavirus epidemic.

16. Autumn and Winter Vaccinations: Covid-19 & Influenza -Webinar (recording available after the event)

(Thursday 4th November 2021 12:30pm to 2:00pm)

This webinar will look at the Phase 3 Covid-19 and Influenza vaccinations and how the council and health partners address health inequalities in ensuring every citizen has equal access.

17. Young People Gambling & Gaming-A Webinar (recording available after the event)

(Wednesday 3rd November midday to 1:00pm)

Examining participation in young people in these activities, how prevalent is it? And investigating possible solutions).

18. Mental Health in an Unequal World: Covid-19s impact-A Webinar (recording available after the event)

(Friday 8th October 11:00 am to 12 noon midday)

Join or listen to Gabrielle Obeng Nyarko and delegates as they examine the impact of people living in nonequal world. This essential topic is explored as the World health Organisation report 970 million people, 13% of the world population may be facing mental and emotional health problems at one time.

19. Launch of UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA)

UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) becomes fully operational bringing together the health protection functions of Public Health England and NHS Test and Trace, including the Joint Biosecurity Centre. The new agency will be responsible for planning, preventing, and responding to external health threats, including infectious diseases and chemical, radiological, environmental, and other hazards, as well as

providing scientific and operational leadership at a global, national, regional, and local level in partnership with our stakeholders. You can read more about UKHSA UK Health Security Agency - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

20. Covid-19 resources available for Children and Young People

Public Health England and the government have produced a selection of resources for local charities, youth groups, school settings and residents with families to assist them during the Coronavirus pandemic. They can be accessed through the link below.

21. Covid-19 response summer months and moving into autumn/winter

As you will be aware infection rates have been high during the summer months within many wards across the city and within our INW wards especially those with a younger demographic. Rates have lowered in Outer North West as compared with some of the inner-city wards but are still variable. Even though ward infection rates have started to stabilise Public Health England and the World Health Organisation have cautioned that there is no reason for complacency. The situation has been dynamic and will likely change again as we move towards the winter months. As the Leeds vaccination programme moves a pace and we move down the age groups infections become concentrated in these lower age groups. The response of the NHS, Leeds City Council and Third Sector partners has been rapid and ongoing since the start of the pandemic over the summer two vaccinations centres had been offering two different vaccination choices one for forties and above and then at another site for 18 above. Additional mobile testing centres have been set up. On top of this young people in the hospitality industry, night-time economy, food retail, universities, schools, colleges, and further education venues have been targeted via campaigns, student ambassadors, halls of residency representatives and social media to take up the vaccination offer. Leeds City Council and its Public Health teams would strongly advise all young people who are eligible for a vaccination to take up the offer of this immediately. The strong message from the NHS and government is don't wait get vaccinated now.

22. Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccines - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

Everyone 16 years of age and older is eligible for a vaccination now. Visiting the website (Leeds Clinical Commissioning Group) below will let local residents where the vaccination centres are.

23. Information for Vegan and Vegetarians wanting to receive the Covid-19 vaccination.

There have been several requests for advice and information from the Vegetarian and Vegan Community. Below are some useful links that will helpfully support our local residents from this community make an informed decision. This is specifically aimed at people who follow a Vegetarian or Vegan lifestyle.

18. In conjunction with the above outreach teams have been proactively moving across the wards and door knocking to.

- Encourage vaccination and testing uptake
- Distribute free lateral flow test packs.
- Ask if local residents require and help with shopping, prescription collection, financial inclusion matters for example. These doorstep wellbeing checks have proved to be an essential lifeline for many residents and have been well received.
- Teams have also been posting information leaflets detailing council, clinical and charitable services available.

Outreach teams comprise of council workers, LCC commissioned services such as Better Together Outreach volunteers, public health officers, third sector community development teams, clinical colleagues who have volunteers and Forum central's volunteer resource pool.

24. Leeds City Council Contract Tracing Service

The outreach component of this service is delivered through our trusted commissioned third sector partners many who have worked in their communities and geographical areas for over 25 years. This service has over a 48% success record. It helps local residents track contacts they may have had if they test positive and offers isolation advice and help. The service is highly flexible and is proving a strong model for work of this nature. Leeds City Council Contract Tracing Service.

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25. Key messages:

As we enter a new phase of living with the virus, with very few restrictions in place, here are some updated key messages that capture the national messages combined with local messaging from our Director of Public Health.

- Thank you to everyone who has done their bit taking up the extra testing and getting the COVID vaccine here in Leeds.
- Covid-19 continues to be a feature of our lives, so this last step on the roadmap is around learning to live with it and manage the risk to ourselves and others.
- Rates of Covid infection are high and continue to rise therefore we should continue to be cautious, help to reduce the risk of spread and protect people at highest risk of serious illness.
- Now, you will no longer have to wear a mask or social distance by law, but the advice is to continue to wear a mask in enclosed and crowded spaces such as

public transport. Some organisations, e.g., health and social care, will ask you to wear a mask.

- You no longer need to work from home if you can, but the recommendation is for a gradual return over the summer.
- To keep yourself and others safe, try and limit the contact you have with people you do not usually live with, including keeping the number of people and the time you spend with them low, and not getting too close to them.
- Where possible, meet outdoors and let fresh air into homes and other enclosed spaces.
- Many people will be excited about the return to the way things were before Covid, whilst others, including those more vulnerable, maybe more cautious. Think of others when making your own decisions about when to wear a mask and social distance.
- Please get both doses of the vaccine when called to make sure you have the highest level of protection.
- It is also really important that we all continue to reduce the risk of spread by washing hands, getting tested if you have symptoms, and isolate if advised to do so.

26. Uptake of Long Covid-Support Services

Work is currently underway to encourage local people across all Leeds city wards to understand and identify if present Long Covid-19 symptoms as appropriate and then seek help through their local GP service. Uptake is low within some of our wards which is nothing to be alarmed about as cases are proportionally low across the city. However, we would like any local residents who feel they may have symptoms to access the service. There is a Leeds City Council Public Health information sheet attached with more detail from the Long-Term Conditions Team.

For more information, please contact the following Public Health Officers.
Carl.Mackie@leeds.gov.uk or Jonathan.Hindley@leeds.gov.uk

27. General Information-Vaccinations in Leeds

When local residents are called for their vaccination it is extremely important, they attend to help reduce infection rates within Leeds so we can return to a normal life as soon as possible.

If you are aged 18 or over, and have not yet had a vaccination, you may get a letter or text from the NHS national booking system inviting you to make an appointment at a community vaccination centre. How will I get my vaccine? - NHS Leeds Clinical Commissioning Group (leedsccg.nhs.uk)

The vaccination current centres are.

The centres in Leeds currently on the national booking system are:

- Elland Road Stadium

- Village Hotel North 186 Otley Road, Headingley, Leeds LS16 5PR
- South Leeds Village Hotel Capitol Boulevard, Tingley, Leeds LS27 0TS
- Superdrug, Merrion Centre Leeds LS2 8NG
- Seacroft Pharmacy, 68 York Road, Leeds, LS14 6DX
- Wellfield Pharmacy, St Mary's Parochial Hall, N Lingwell Rd, Middleton, Leeds LS10 3SP
- The Pharmacy Group – Chapeltown, The Reginald Centre, 263 Chapeltown Road, Leeds LS7 3EX
- The Pharmacy Group – Little London / Woodhouse, Unit 2 Oatland Retail Park, Oatland Drive, Leeds LS7 1ST

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Community Engagement: Social Media

29. **Appendix 2 Social Media Report** provides the Committee with information on posts, and details recent social media activity for the Outer North West Community Committee Facebook page, along with the three ward based Coronavirus Facebook help pages for the area.
30. The report highlights key themes promoted through social media posts, as well as topics addressed relevant to the period of time.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

31. The Community Committee has, where applicable, been consulted on information detailed within the report.

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

32. All work that the Communities Team are involved in is assessed in relation to Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration. In addition, the Communities Team ensures that the wellbeing process for funding of projects complies with all relevant policies and legislation.

Council Polices and City Priorities

33. Projects that the Communities Team are involved in are assessed to ensure that they are in line with Council and City priorities as set out in the following documents:

1. Vision for Leeds 2011 – 30
2. Best City Plan
3. Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
4. Children and Young People’s Plan
5. Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
6. Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy

Resources and Value for Money

34. Aligning the distribution of community wellbeing funding to local priorities will help to ensure that the maximum benefit can be provided.

Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

35. There are no legal implications or access to information issues. This report is not subject to call in.

Risk Management

36. Risk implications and mitigation are considered on all projects and wellbeing applications. Projects are assessed to ensure that applicants are able to deliver the intended benefits.

Conclusions

37. The report provides up to date information on key areas of work for the Community Committee.

Recommendations

38. The Community Committee is asked to note the content of the report and comment as appropriate.

Background documents¹

39. None.

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years following the date of the relevant meeting Accordingly this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author.