

**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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**Outer North West Community Committee - Update Report**

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**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.
3. Members will have considered Appointments to Outside Bodies and Community Champions elsewhere on the Community Committee agenda. Members are now asked to make nominations to each of the Outer North West Community Committee Sub Groups for 2023/24. The 2022/23 representatives are shown below:

Sub Group	Number of places	Current appointees	Community Committee Champion
<b>Community Safety &amp; Environment</b>	4	Cllr B Anderson Cllr C Campbell Cllr J Garvani Cllr P Alderson	Cllr B Anderson
<b>Children and Families</b>	4	Vacant Vacant Cllr Lay Cllr Alderson	Vacant
<b>Transport</b>	4	Vacant Cllr B Anderson Cllr Downes Cllr e Bromley	Vacant
<b>Health</b>	4	Cllr E Thomson Cllr C Anderson Cllr Lay Vacant	Cllr C Anderson

4. Members are invited to nominate representatives for each of the Outer North West Community Committee Sub Groups.

Updates by theme:

5. **Children and Families: Cllr Billy Flynn**
6. **Environment and Community Safety: Councillor: Barry Anderson**
7. **Transport- Vacant**
8. **Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care: Councillor Caroline Anderson**
9. **Employment and Skills update: Councillor Ryk Downes**

**Children and Families:**

Please attached Youth Summit YAF consultation Report & YAF Consultation Infographic. **(Appendix 1 & 2)**

**Environment and Community Safety:**

This update will be provided at the next Community Committee.

**Transport:**

This update will be provided at the next Community Committee.

## **Health & Wellbeing:**

### **Outer North West Community Committee - Health and Wellbeing Update report May 2023**

#### **Leeds Stop Smoking services update**

From 1 April, the Leeds Stop Smoking Service is available to support smokers to reduce their nicotine dependency and quit for good.

Smokers wishing to access the service will be given a choice of treatment based on need and preference, including nicotine replacement therapy and e-cigarettes. They will work with a trained smoking cessation coach to develop a personalised plan with a pre-agreed quit date. Support extends to a year after each person's quit date to make sure people are given the best possible chance to stop smoking permanently.

New posters and promotional materials will be available shortly to replace any previous One You Leeds Assets.

Referrals are now being accepted onto the new service.

You can directly refer by emailing [leeds.stopsmoking@nhs.net](mailto:leeds.stopsmoking@nhs.net) or online [here](#).

Individuals can self-refer and access support materials [here](#) or by calling 0800 169 4219.

#### **Maternal whooping cough vaccine**

Data for 2022 shows the average vaccine uptake of the whooping cough vaccine by pregnant women across England has dropped to 61.5%, its lowest level since 2016.

The vaccine is given to pregnant women to help protect their babies against whooping cough from birth during their first weeks of life.

The advice for pregnant women is to speak to their GP or midwife if they aren't sure whether they have had the vaccine.

You can read more [here](#).

#### **Leeds Dying Matters Awareness Week: 8 to 14 May**

##### **Event: Kirkgate Market, 10 May, 10.00am to 2.30pm**

Dying Matters is a citywide campaign to encourage people to talk about death and dying and plan for end of life. This annual campaign took place between 8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> May and focused this year on Dying Matters at Work and on encouraging compassionate conversations.

Stigma around grieving, and a lack of understanding about what it means to be ill and what happens when you're dying, means that many of us struggle to cope when faced with life's inevitable challenges. And the workplace is no exception. We spend much of our lives at work and shouldn't have to hide our experiences of death and dying from colleagues.

The aim is to create an open and compassionate society where we are comfortable facing the realities of dying, death and grief. By talking to those around you, you can help ensure that workplaces are properly set up to support people who are ill, who are caring for those around them, or who have lost someone close to them.

On 10 May an event took place at Kirkgate Market where the Leeds Dying Matters Partnership were on hand to offer guidance on wills, estate planning, lasting powers of attorney and end of life planning.

### **Covid spring booster campaign**

Spring Covid boosters started at the beginning of April and are being offered to:

- adults aged 75 years and over
- residents in a care home for older adults
- individuals aged 5 years and over who are immunosuppressed

This spring booster programme runs until 30 June.

Eligible people will receive a national invite, but in some areas of Leeds the GP practices will not be offering spring booster clinics. Instead, pharmacies and other healthcare providers will be running clinics, but will not have the ability to send invitations directly to eligible people. The areas are:

- Burmantofts, Richmond Hill and Harehills
- York Road
- Beeston
- Middleton and Hunslet (note: a few practices in this area are sending out invites)
- Woodsley
- Holt Park

Support for the uptake of the spring booster is requested by: talking to people about the eligibility criteria, supporting people to book the vaccine, and promoting awareness amongst staff.

Key messages are as follows:

- Whilst we are learning to live with Covid, the virus still presents a serious threat for many people and is continuing to cause severe illness and hospitalisation for thousands of people every week.
- The Covid vaccines have saved countless lives and help prevent people becoming seriously ill or needing hospital care. Protection from the vaccines - or having had Covid - decreases over time, particularly in older people or those with weakened immune systems.
- Vaccinations are available for everyone aged 75 and over, people who live in care homes for older adults and people aged 5 and over who have a weakened immune system due to a particular health condition or treatment.

- Eligible people will be invited to book an appointment or can use the National Booking Service.
- Anyone aged 5 and over who has not yet had their first or second Covid vaccination will also be able to get one during this time. After 30 June first and second vaccinations will only be offered to those at higher risk of severe Covid and only available during the seasonal campaigns.

You can read more about spring vaccinations and the vaccination programme [here](#).

Vaccinations can be booked [here](#).

### **Changes to Covid testing**

Changes to Covid testing came into effect on 1 April. These aim to ensure testing focuses on those at highest risk and supports the management of outbreaks in high-risk settings including health and social care.

You can read more [here](#).

Information and advice for health and care professionals is available [here](#).

Guidance for adult social care professionals is available [here](#).

### **Closure of Covid app**

The NHS Covid app, which alerts close contacts of a positive case and provides the latest health advice about the virus, closed on 27 April. Current users were notified of this through the app.

Over the past year, the success of the vaccination programme, increased access to treatments and high immunity in the population have enabled the government to target its Covid services, meaning the app is no longer needed.

### **Universal Credit**

This update will be provided at the next Community Committee.

### **Employment and Skills Services**

This update will be provided at the next Community Committee.

## **Corporate Considerations**

### **Consultation and Engagement**

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

### **Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration**

- B. 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**

- C. 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**

- D. 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**

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

### **Risk Management**

- F. 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**

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

### **Recommendations**

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

**Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

I. None.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.