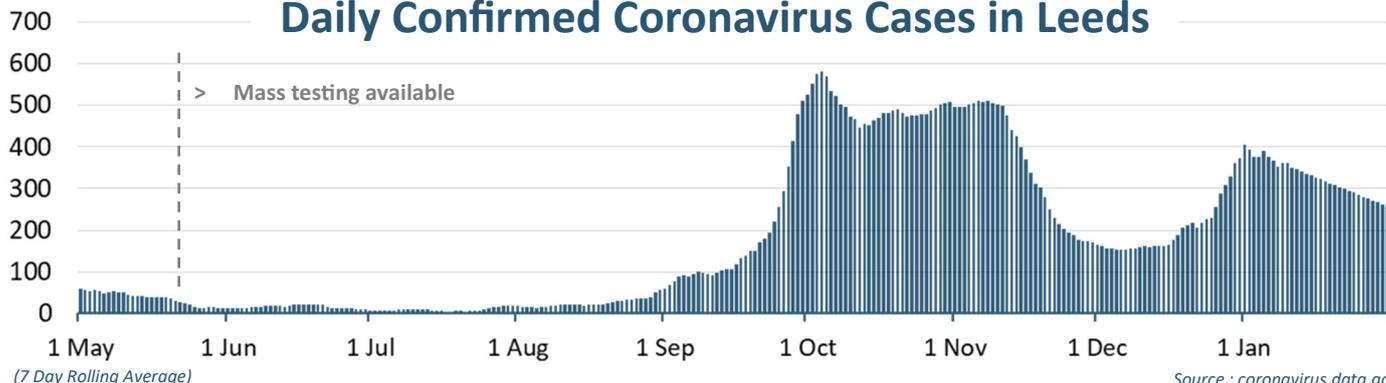


### Daily Confirmed Coronavirus Cases in Leeds



### Headlines for Leeds

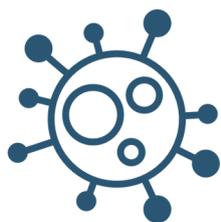
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### Leeds is currently recorded the following figures



**277.6 Cases rate**  
per 100,000 people  
(7 day rolling average)



**65 Current Cases**  
Reported across 23 Care  
Homes in Leeds



**1334 Registered Deaths**  
That mention Covid-19, an  
increase of 60 over last 14 days



**19% Average Footfall**  
In Leeds in comparison  
to same week in 2020



**534 Covid-19 related**  
Incidents reported to West  
Yorkshire Police in last 7 days



**35.9 µg/m<sup>3</sup>**  
Nitrogen Dioxide levels.  
Below UK target of 40µg/m<sup>3</sup>

### Health and Social Care Impact & Recovery



**239.6**

**Cases rate**  
per 100,000 people  
(7 day rolling average)<sup>1</sup>



**65**

**Current Cases**  
Reported active in  
23 Leeds care homes<sup>2</sup>



**178**

**Covid-19 Beds**  
Currently occupied at  
LTHT hospitals<sup>2</sup>



**60**

**Registered Deaths**  
mentioning Covid-19  
occurring over the  
last 14 days<sup>3</sup>

#### Health Summary

##### Infection Rates<sup>2</sup>

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The latest available 7 day positivity for Leeds is 10.0% (Slightly down from 10.7% on Saturday).

##### Covid-19 Cases<sup>2</sup>

As of the 1st February, The number of patients in COVID occupied beds at LTHT is 178 COVID positive patients, down from 220 at this time last week. LYPFT has only 11 COVID positive patients in a bed on the same day.

This week has seen 168 positive COVID tests carried out within hospitals (Down from 205 last week); 140 attributed to inpatients and 28 attributed to new admissions. Of which LYPFT had only 6 positive COVID tests in the last week

There are currently 15 positive COVID patients in a HDU/ITU bed in LTHT, an decrease from 27 this time last week.

##### Care Homes<sup>2</sup>

In total there are 65 active COVID-19 cases declared in 23 Care Homes in Leeds. These figures have shown a slight increase over the last 2 weeks, however, as vaccinations continue to be administered to the elderly and vulnerable population over the coming weeks this number is expected to reduce.

##### Registered Deaths in Leeds<sup>3</sup>

As of 29 January 2021, a total of 1334 COVID-19 related deaths had been registered by Leeds Registrars Office. This equates to 60 Covid-19 deaths recorded to have occurred since 15 January 2021 (at time of publication).

##### Capacity<sup>4</sup>

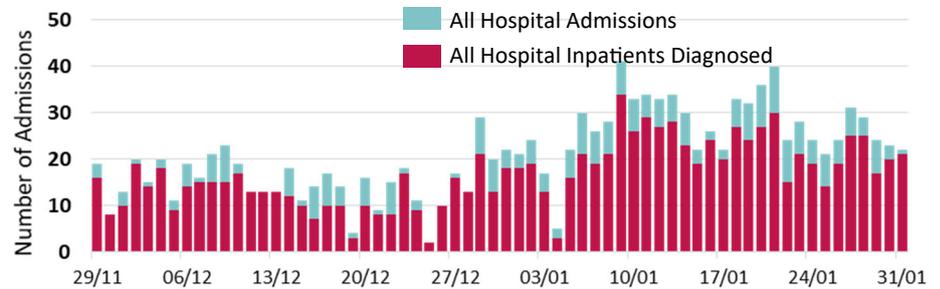
Current capacity in LTHT and MYHT hospital based mortuaries is at 53%. This is a decrease from 7 days ago when it was recorded at 59%.

Measures for coping with increased capacity are in place and currently within manageable levels.

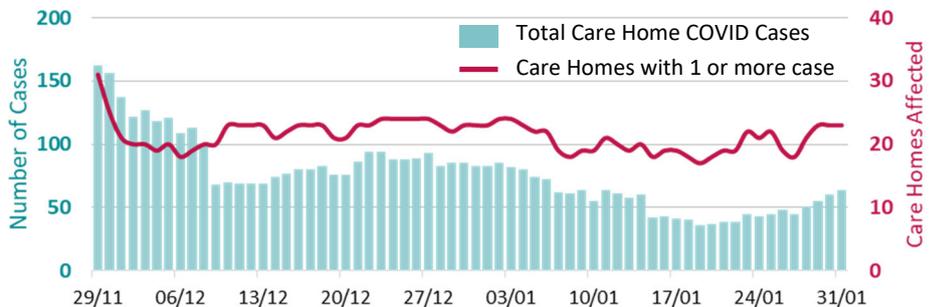
#### Sources:

1. [Coronavirus.gov.uk](https://coronavirus.gov.uk) - 01/02/21
2. [NHS Clinical Commissioning Group](#) - 01/02/21
3. [Leeds Registrars Office](#) - 29/01/21
4. [LCC Resilience & Emergencies Team](#) - 01/02/21

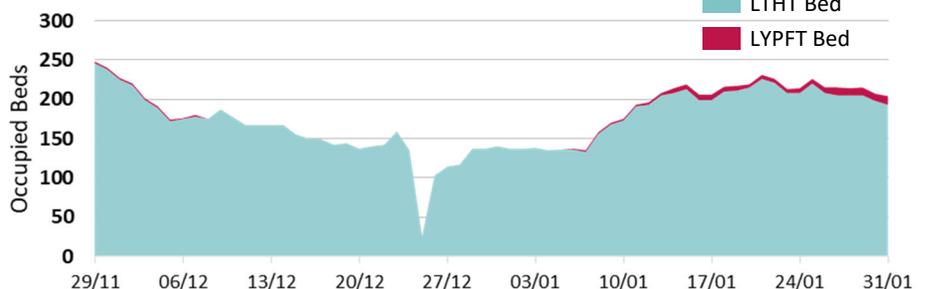
#### New Covid19 Admissions and Inpatients



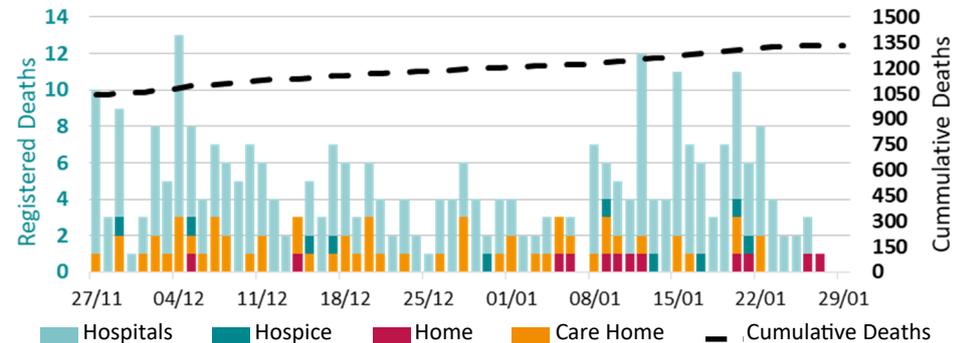
#### Covid19 Cases in Care Homes



#### Confirmed Covid19 Bed Occupancy



#### Deaths registered with LCC that mention Covid19



### Citizens & Community



**534**

**Covid-19**  
Related incidents recorded over last 7 days<sup>1</sup>



**439**

**Domestic**  
Incidents recorded over last 7 days<sup>1</sup>



**674**

**Phone Calls**  
To the LWSS helpline<sup>4</sup>



**1658**

**Self-Isolation**  
Support payments paid to successful applicants<sup>3</sup>

#### Citizens & Community Summary

##### Incidents and Crimes Overview<sup>1</sup>

Total crime levels are expected to be depressed during the lockdown period due to restrictions on peoples movement

Hate and Domestic incidents have remained consistent over the last 2 weeks, however there has been an increase in Covid related incidents, with noticeable spikes occurring during weekends.

##### Children & Education<sup>2</sup>

The DfE educational settings form submitted daily by schools provides information on attendance in Leeds. On Thursday 21 January, 16% children and young people attended state-funded schools in Leeds, just over two thirds of the attending pupils were children of critical workers and the remaining vulnerable pupils.

##### Self Isolation Payments<sup>3</sup>

The latest position as at 01/02/21. LCC received 334 applications over the last 7 days, averaging 67 per working day – a slight decrease on the week before but still higher than the weeks leading up to the New Year. Discretionary awards continue to rise.

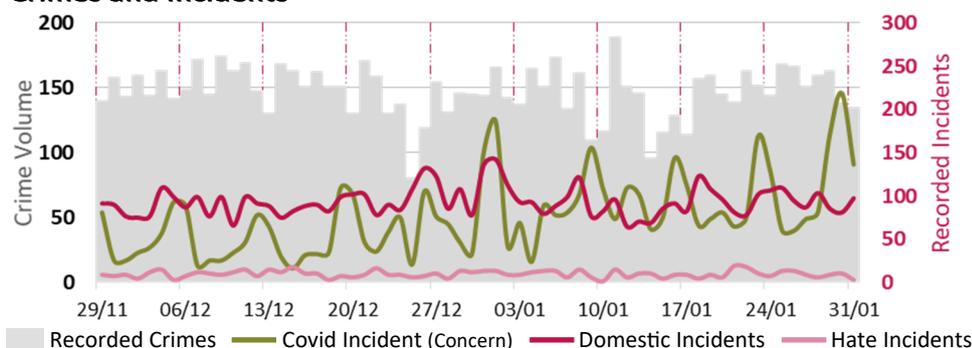
##### Welfare Support<sup>4</sup>

In the previous week ( 25 Jan-31 Jan 2021) there were 674 calls recorded to the Local Welfare Support Service's (LWSS) Helpline, with a 99% answer rate. Further information on the type of support provided will appear in future reports.

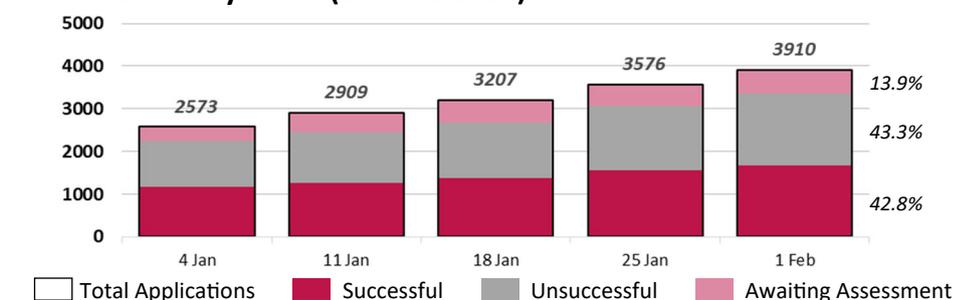
##### Waste Management & Recycling<sup>5</sup>

The recent snow and ice has resulted in a number of weeks of irregular collections cycles. Despite this, tonnage of waste collected at the kerbside throughout this period continues to be higher than normal. To maintain operational bubbles garden crews are being deployed as support crews. Crews continue to be stood down where a staff member becomes symptomatic. There are currently 44 frontline colleagues not in work as a result of Covid-19.

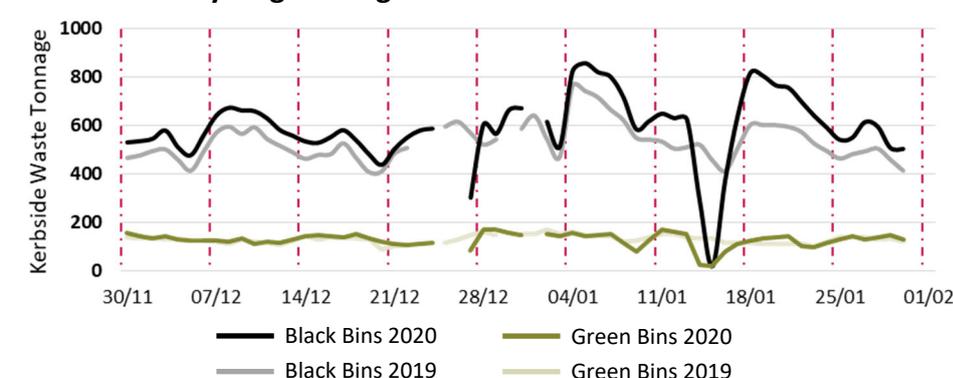
#### Crimes and Incidents



#### Self Isolation Payments (accumulative)



#### Waste and Recycling Tonnage



#### Sources:

1. Safer Leeds - 101/02/21
2. Children's Services Leeds - 01/02/21
3. Leeds City Council Welfare & Benefits Service 01/02/21
4. Leeds City Council Financial inclusion Team 01/02/21
5. Leeds City Council Environment Team - 01/02/21

### Infrastructure & Supplies



**Traffic Flow**  
Compared to recorded traffic flow in 2019/20<sup>1</sup>



**Average Footfall**  
In Leeds City centre in comparison to 2020<sup>1</sup>



**Nitrogen Dioxide**  
Levels, lower than UK target of 40µg/m<sup>3</sup>



**Thousand**  
Units of PPE issued over the last 7 days<sup>2</sup>

#### Infrastructure & Supplies Summary

##### Traffic & Pedestrian Flow<sup>1</sup>

The introduction of revised restrictions in Early January has seen a further reduction in footfall. With the average footfall over last week at only 19% of the same week in 2020.

Traffic flow has seen a reduction since the start of the current nationwide lockdown with numbers falling to approximately 66% of what would be expected at this time of year.

MCard data showed a reduction immediately following the Christmas period. However this has shown signs of increased purchases in the last week.

*NOTE : The footfall figures for Wednesday 23rd December and Wednesday 30th December are high compared to last year's figures because they are in comparison to Christmas Day 2019 and New Year's Day 2020 respectively, which both fell on the Wednesday of Weeks 52 & 53.*

##### Leeds Air Quality (December 2020)<sup>2</sup>

The plot to the lower right shows the monthly mean Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) for all the Leeds air quality monitoring sites.

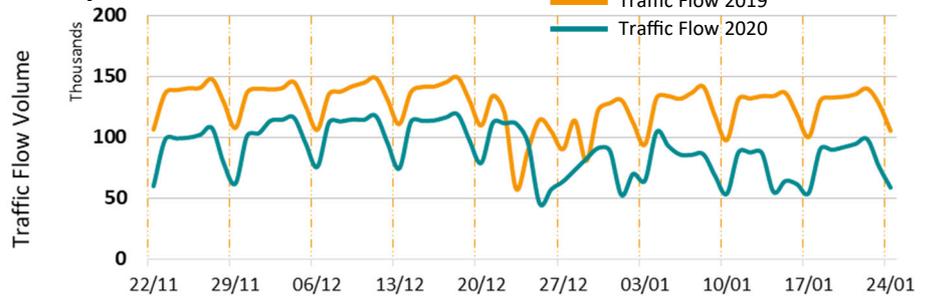
The effect of the lockdown earlier in the year shows a dramatic reduction across all sites in Leeds and the City Centre area, since easing of measures began in May, levels of NO<sub>2</sub> have begun to rise slightly to an average of 35.9 µg/m<sup>3</sup> in December. Throughout April to December 2020 NO<sub>2</sub> levels in Leeds were recorded, on average, at 25% lower than the same period in 2019.

##### PPE Supplies<sup>2</sup>

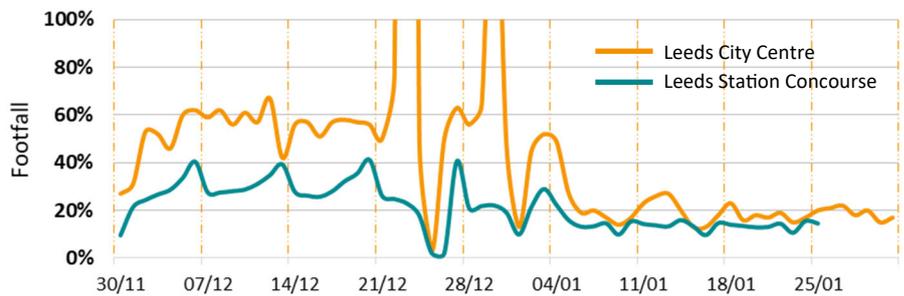
PPE Stock levels within LCC, DHSC and LRF are reported as good to high and continue to be monitored weekly.

Last week 152,559 units of PPE were issues across Leeds services.

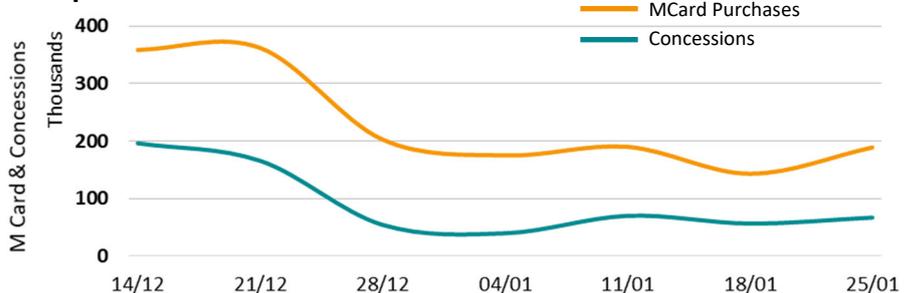
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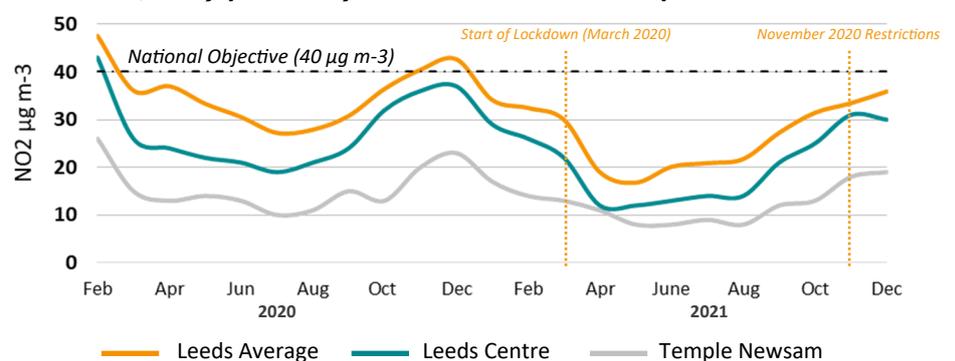
#### Percentage of Expected Footfall



#### MCard purchases and Concessions



#### Leeds Air Quality (February 2019 - December 2020)



#### Sources:

1. West Yorkshire Combined Authority - 01/02/21
2. Leeds City Council - 01/02/21

## Economy and Business



**Out of Work  
Benefits Claimant  
Count<sup>2</sup>**



**Allocated to Leeds by the  
Government to fight  
misinformation around  
coronavirus vaccines.**

### Economy and Business<sup>1</sup>

Last week the Centre for Cities published its annual Cities Outlook 2021 report ([www.centreforcities.org](http://www.centreforcities.org)).

The report states that Covid makes 'levelling up' at least four times harder for cities and large towns outside the Greater South East that were most in need of levelling up before the pandemic. The report confirms Leeds relative strengths in knowledge-based employment, a reflection of the city's business structure with good representation in sectors such as health, digital and finance and business services, and the knock-on impact in terms of the proportion of workforce with higher level skills and less reliance on the public sector. However, it also points out a recent pre-Covid decline in private sector jobs growth, which when combined with the impact of the crisis is a cause of further concern regarding the labour market.

These trends, alongside the effect of the extended crisis on many individuals and communities already experiencing poverty, emphasise some structural challenges in our labour market, where much of the jobs growth over recent years has been in those low paid, consumer-service sectors under most pressure now. As highlighted by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation's recent annual report on UK poverty, those likely to be most impacted are:

- part-time workers, low-paid workers and sectors where there are much higher rates of in-work poverty, such as accommodation and food services;
- Black, Asian and minority ethnic households;
- Lone parents – mostly women, many of whom work in hard-hit sectors – who are more reliant on local jobs, and are more likely to have struggled with childcare during lockdown;
- Private renters, who have higher housing costs, and social renters, who tend to have lower incomes, both leading to higher poverty rates. Renters in work are also more likely to be in a sector more affected by coronavirus.

The West and North Yorkshire Chamber has released its latest quarterly economic report, with fieldwork undertaken last November as the revised Covid restrictions were introduced. It found that business confidence has recovered from its low, but there are sectoral imbalances. Manufacturing has seen improved conditions, however concerns and uncertainty in leisure, hospitality, accommodation and catering remain high. More broadly, the latest business intelligence from WYCA highlights a greater focus on the EU Exit Transition by businesses and some concerns around supply chains.

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### Employment

There has been little change in Out of Work Benefit claimants in recent months, since the doubling of claimants in April 2020. In December, there were 35,360 people claiming Out of Work Benefits (6.9%), slightly above regional (6.5%) and national rates (6.3%).

### LCC's financial position<sup>1</sup>

After taking additional Government funding of £20.6m announced in October into consideration, which reduced the estimated funding gap to £30.5m, the Council identified one off resources to manage the financial position in 2020/21 and deliver a balanced budget position. This remains the position in the latest Financial Health report to be received at February's Executive Board. This position estimates that the Council will receive £26.9m of Government compensation in 2020/21 to mitigate sales, fees and charges income losses, but the actual figure will not be known until the financial year end. This is an increased grant assumption which mitigates additional costs and income losses now assumed regarding the current national lockdown.

The projected overspend for 2021/22 as reported to September's Executive Board in the Medium Term Financial Strategy was £118.8m, as a consequence of which Executive Board agreed that consultation should commence on a range of Budget Savings Proposals. The Government Spending Review 2020 included a range of measures relating to local government, with detailed allocations then provided at the Provisional Local Government Settlement in December. The final Budget Report, to be received at February's Executive Board, recognises an overall improvement of around £31.2m as a consequence of these announcements. Directorate savings proposals of £56.1m have been incorporated into the final Budget and the remaining £31.4m will be delivered through a range of measures to ensure that assumed increases in funding are realised and to deliver budgeted reductions in costs.

No additional general grant to local authorities has been announced to support additional expenditure incurred as a consequence of the January national lockdown. Leeds will continue to receive £4 per head of population per month from the Extended Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) whilst in the highest levels of restrictions (Tier 3, Tier 4 or national lockdown). Government requires this funding to be used to support proactive COVID containment and intervention measures.

£269m is being provided by Government to councils to passport to care home and domiciliary care providers to increase staffing levels and testing. Of this £120m is intended to help increase staffing levels and will be used to support rapid testing of staff and facilitate visits from family and friends where possible. The remaining £149m, a Rapid Testing Fund, will help care home providers with the costs incurred, including setting up safe testing areas and providing staff training, and will contribute towards staff time spent administering and receiving tests. Care providers in Leeds will receive £1.66m of the £120m fund and a £1.78m share of the £149m fund.

Government will provide £23m in funding to councils in England to help fight misinformation around coronavirus vaccines and to encourage greater uptake among more high-risk communities. Leeds has been allocated £141k.

### Sources:

1. Leeds City Council - 01/02/21
2. Department for Work and Pensions - January 2021

## Policy Announcements

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#### 18 January 2021

In areas with sufficient supply and capacity, people aged 70 and over and the clinically extremely vulnerable can be invited to receive vaccination.

[Source: www.gov.uk \(webpage\)](http://www.gov.uk)

#### 19 January 2021

New £120 million funding announced to support staffing levels in social care, in addition to £149 million previously made available to support the regular staff testing in care homes.

[Source: www.gov.uk \(webpage\)](http://www.gov.uk)

#### 20 January 2021

Asymptomatic testing offer expanded across all local authorities in England. Local authorities encouraged to target testing to people who cannot work from home during lockdown.

[Source: www.gov.uk \(webpage\)](http://www.gov.uk)

#### 21 January 2021

A new £800 fine announced for people who attend house parties, which will double for each repeat offence to a maximum level of £6,400. These fines will apply to those who attend illegal gatherings of more than 15 people in homes.

[Source: www.gov.uk \(webpage\)](http://www.gov.uk)

#### 25 January 2021

Over £23 million funding allocated to 60 councils and voluntary groups across England to expand Community Champions work to support those most at risk from Covid-19 and boost vaccine take up. Leeds City Council to receive £141,000 from this fund.

[Source: www.gov.uk \(webpage\)](http://www.gov.uk)

#### 27 January 2021

The Prime Minister set out that the Government will announce its plans for lifting lockdown during the week beginning 22 February. Lifting of lockdown restrictions will be phased and gradual, beginning with reopening schools, which will happen no earlier than 8 March.

[Source: www.gov.uk \(webpage\)](http://www.gov.uk)

New border measures announced: any arrivals from the 22 countries from which the UK has banned travel, but who cannot be refused entry, will be required to isolate for ten days in government-provided accommodation such as hotels. Police will carry out more physical checks at addresses to ensure that people are self-isolating. For those wishing to travel out of the UK, a reason for travel will need to be declared, with enforcement action for those without a valid reason for travel.

[Source: www.gov.uk \(webpage\)](http://www.gov.uk)

#### 28 January 2021

Data from phase 3 trials of the Novavax Covid-19 vaccine candidate find it to be 89.3% effective in preventing coronavirus in participants, including being effective against the UK Covid-19 variant. The UK has secured 60 million doses of this vaccine candidate, which is to be manufactured in Teeside, should it be approved for use by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency.

[Source: www.gov.uk \(webpage\)](http://www.gov.uk)

A ban on travel to the UK from the United Arab Emirates, Burundi and Rwanda introduced from 1pm on 29 January to prevent the spread of the Covid-19 variant originally identified in South Africa. British, Irish and third-country nationals with residence rights in the UK will be allowed to enter. All arrivals to the UK who have been in these countries within 10 days will be required to self-isolate together with their households.

[Source: www.gov.uk \(webpage\)](http://www.gov.uk)

#### 29 January 2021

Data from phase 3 studies of Janssen's single-dose Covid-19 vaccine candidate find it to be 66% effective in preventing coronavirus in participants, with no significant safety concerns and no serious adverse events in recipients. The UK has secured 30 million doses of Janssen's vaccine, with deliveries expected to arrive in the second half of 2021 if approved for use by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency.

[Source: www.gov.uk \(webpage\)](http://www.gov.uk)

#### 1 February 2021

The Government signed a deal for a further 40 million doses of Valneva's vaccine candidate, which is to be manufactured in Scotland if approved for use by the MHRA. This is in addition to 60 million doses of the vaccine candidate already secured, and brings the total UK vaccine portfolio to 407 million doses over the next two years.

[Source: www.gov.uk \(webpage\)](http://www.gov.uk)

## Communications Update

### Website Visits

Around 22K visited the COVID information web pages last week, of which 17K were unique users, consistent with recent weeks.

The GovDelivery Covid email bulletin, which is sent out to 113K residents, had an open rate of 26% (lower than previous weeks). Most popular features included: the Vaccination webpage, One You link and information on business grants.

### Communications Update

#### Council:

Supporting NHS vaccine delivery programme by:

- focusing campaign messaging on building confidence in its safety and efficacy;
- exploring use of high-profile local personalities to supplement existing community champions;
- supporting Public Health planning to identify barriers in communities to vaccine take-up.

Also holding press conference this week to update the media on the latest situation and reinforce vaccine, safety and importance of keeping to the rules as lockdown fatigue sets in.

Press release on lateral flow testing for work cohorts.

#### Health: LHTH:

Official opening of Elland Road – working with NHS England to agree plans for this (8 Feb).

Comms to increase uptake of frontline/patient-facing staff in LHTH having the vaccine and a push on encouraging staff from BAME communities.

Ongoing communications support for the Hospital Hub and vaccine centre and communications support and co-ordination for WY PLACE communications leads in WY.

Continue to support ongoing pandemic operational messaging including IPC guidelines, testing, wellbeing etc.

#### Health: CCG:

Nicola Adams appeared at Woodhouse Medical Practice as part of The Sun's campaign to get more people to volunteer for the vaccination programme. Supporting videos to be shared locally.

Vaccination resources developed including a public-facing citywide info hub featuring videos, FAQs, social media plans

<https://www.leedscq.nhs.uk/health/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine/>

Take Care Leeds over 60s campaign turns focus on loneliness, along with resources for Eastern European tradespeople entering homes.

Let's Talk Leeds mental health campaign being worked on.

Using NHS wisely campaign with paid advertising, social media and community engagement fronted by people well-known in Leeds launching this week.

**Third sector/VAL** amplifying vaccine messaging and supporting Forum Central's efforts to encourage frontline third sectors workers and volunteers to contact them and get an appointment booked if they are eligible.

Sharing resources about misinformation at communities of interest level about misinformation, along with details about small grants available for positive covid messaging in communities.

Continuing to ask people to share their #vaccineselfie in an ongoing effort to normalise it.

Prospective volunteers are still being encouraged and supported to use the volunteering platform on Doing Good Leeds to find opportunities to volunteer with a Community Care Hub (and more).

### Social media listening:

**What conversations, topics and questions are we seeing being discussed that are Leeds-specific?**

- Positive response and lots of sharing about Leeds covid rates continuing on a downward trend
- Also being shared widely is the NHS warning to people in Leeds about Covid-19 vaccine scams
- Also popular on social media are pictures of Leeds public buildings lit up in memory of lives lost to coronavirus.

**What conversations, topics and questions are we seeing being shared and discussed regularly?**

- Captain Sir Tom Moore in hospital after testing covid-positive
- WHO's new guidance for pregnant women, saying they can have vaccine safely
- Every eligible care home resident in England has now been offered a COVID-19 jab.

**What conversations, topics and questions are we starting to see an increase in?**

- EU vaccine row – lots of media coverage.
- Debate about how quickly teachers should receive a vaccine - some believe it will help reopen schools more quickly.

**What are the overriding feelings, behaviours and beliefs from people regarding the key and emerging themes?**

- Most people really eager to receive vaccine as soon as possible and there are lots of questions about when that will be. Any talk of supply shortages seems to be worrying people and generating lots of conversation.