



Leeds Migration Partnership

Health Priorities progress September 2020

Health charging	
Attend the Migrant Health Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ian Cameron has now retired and Victoria Eaton now Director of Public Health in Leeds. Unclear if Victoria will be chairing the Migrant Health Board going forward. One Migrant Health Board has taken place but was all Covid-19 service updates. The last meeting was cancelled.
Produce clearer messages about charging	•
Document the negative impact of health charging	•
Support work to decrease the negative impact of charging	•
Access to Health – GP registration	
Attend the Health and Well Being Board Subgroup to try and help to	• Meeting cancelled.
Produce clearer public messages about GP registration	•
Document the negative impact of problems with registration	•
Promote consistent use of advocacy and interpreting services	•
Uptake of Screening and Vaccinations	
We will improve engagement with Public Health, to help make their engagement with migrant communities more effective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health messages and info on how to stay safe developed by LCC (Public Health, Comms team, Communities Team) and available in several languages – shared on LMP blog. Covid-19 walk-to centre in Lincoln Green and pop-up sites in LS4 and LS8 following increase in cases in these areas – aim to make testing as accessible as possible for everyone.
We will make sure we pass on information about changes to key health services through the Blog and discussed in Meetings.	• All Covid-10 info has been shared on LMP blog.
Helpinleeds.com and transitionguide.org.uk will be kept updated	•
Mental Health and Wellbeing	
We will	•
Attend and report back from mainstream Mental Health forums	• Karen Pearse and Kathryn Ashworth attending regular Covid-19 community mental health services meeting, hosted by CCG. Raise challenges faced by asylum seekers and refugees in the meeting.



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Ensure the needs and perspectives of refugee and asylum seekers are represented there	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above
Focus on preventative approaches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above
Promote and support access to mental health and mental health first aid training for to our members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lots of staff team mental health stuff has been shared on the LMP blog.
Provide clear information on effective referral pathways through the Blog and in meetings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates on mental health support available provided at the LMP check-ins.
Influence the development of the Mental Health Strategy currently being developed – ensuring Asylum Seekers and Refugees are specifically mentioned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karen now sitting on the MH Partnership Board.
Other activities	
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- Communities of Interest Group established via Forum Central
- Public Health England report produced – Disparities in the Risks and Outcomes of C-19 (Sex and ethnicity+++)
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/908434/Disparities_in_the_risk_and_outcomes_of_COVID_August_2020_update.pdf
- Leeds Community Healthcare Trust are developing a Third Sector Strategy. There has been input from RAS orgs and a steering group is being set up via Forum Central to focus on the next stage of the strategy.