



# Leeds Migration Partnership

## Health Priorities progress November 2020

<b>Health charging</b>	
Attend the Health and Well Being	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anna Frearson, Public Health Chief Officer, is the key lead for migrant health.</li> </ul>
Produce clearer messages about charging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
Document the negative impact of health charging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
Support work to decrease the negative impact of charging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>Access to Health – GP registration</b>	
Attend the Health and Well Being Board Subgroup to try and help to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Migrant Health Board not held since lockdown.</li> <li>• And the staff changes have meant there isn't a designated chair for the board.</li> <li>• Letter sent to Councillor Rebecca Charlwood to raise concern and a route to feed into this board is to be agreed.</li> </ul>
Produce clearer public messages about GP registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
Document the negative impact of problems with registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
Promote consistent use of advocacy and interpreting services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>Uptake of Screening and Vaccinations</b>	
We will improve engagement with Public Health, to help make their engagement with migrant communities more effective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Covid-19 vaccination soon to be approved, organisations require clarity on how it will be distributed and who will be the first to access the vaccine.</li> </ul>
We will make sure we pass on information about changes to key health services through the Blog and discussed in Meetings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
Helpinleeds.com and transitionguide.org.uk will be kept updated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>Mental Health and Wellbeing</b>	
We will	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
Attend and report back from mainstream Mental Health forums	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
Ensure the needs and perspectives of refugee and asylum seekers are represented there	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
Focus on preventative approaches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>



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<p>Promote and support access to mental health and mental health first aid training for to our members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Solace</b> are referring asylum seekers into IAPT (NHS Psychological Therapy Services) and working with Richard Garland, the lead on health equality work, to better understand barriers in accessing services.</li> </ul>
<p>Provide clear information on effective referral pathways through the Blog and in meetings.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<p>Influence the development of the Mental Health Strategy currently being developed – ensuring Asylum Seekers and Refugees are specifically mentioned</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Clinical Commission Group (CCG) are reviewing their commissioned services and are considering linking smaller organisations with larger organisations to make commissioning easier. It is not certain if specialist services will be joined up with universal services or whether services for migrants/refugees will remain separate but change is on the horizon.</li> <li>• Solace have had their contract with the CCG extended for a further year.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Other activities</b></p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>