



West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership  
Improving Population Health Programme  
Covid-19 update

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## Introduction

This update is intended to support the sharing of key messages across the Improving Population Health Programme. The update provides a consolidated place for partners to receive useful information, including the sharing of good practice. It also provides shortcut links to shareable content to support consistency and efficiency.

You are receiving this information so we can help to support the local response to COVID-19. Please do let us know if you'd rather not receive this update or if we've missed any contacts.

You can find previous editions of this newsletter and the resources referenced in them [here](#).

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## News from West Yorkshire and Harrogate

### Health Inequalities Grant Fund

We are delighted to announce that we have allocated the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health Inequalities Fund to 13 applicants across West Yorkshire and Harrogate.

The aim of the fund is to support reductions in inequalities through partnership working between communities and statutory health services. The funding will support community organisations, working together with health partners, to support those that have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19.

We received 81 applications in total and overall the quality of the applications was very high. We followed a robust process with multiple assessors to come to our final decision. We are pleased to say that, due to the quality of applications, we were able to increase the overall funding amount to a total amount of £503,000 from Improving Population Health Programme Transformation Funding.

Funding has been awarded to the following projects:

- **Dementia Friendly Keighley** will support people living with dementia and their carers living in an area with high levels of deprivation.
- **Healthy Lifestyle Solutions (HLS) CIC** will support communities living in an area with high levels of deprivation by providing tools for self-care and resilience.
- **Inspired Neighbourhoods** will empower individuals with mental health problems to implement self-care for mental and physical health.
- **Keighley Healthy Living** will develop two digital hubs to support health in communities with high levels of deprivation, with a focus on BAME and older adults.
- **The Thornbury Centre** will deliver befriending support for people aged over 55 and people from South Asian, Refugee and Eastern European Roma populations.
- **Voluntary Action Calderdale** will focus on community connectivity to support health and wellbeing for communities in areas with deprivation.
- **Saint Michael's Hospice** will provide volunteer training and Advance Care Plan conversations for care home residents.
- **Solace** will implement a project to reduce the impact of COVID-19 on the mental health of refugees and asylum seekers.
- **Third Sector Leaders Kirklees** will deliver a project to develop skills and healthy behaviours for low income families and BAME communities in disadvantaged areas.
- **Feel Good Factor** will provide targeted support to reduce health inequalities for low income families with a member who has been asked to "shield".
- **GIPSIL** will support young people in transition from children's to adult's mental health services.
- **Open Country** will implement a project to improve health for adults with mental health conditions, learning disabilities and or autism.
- **Leeds Gypsy and Traveler Exchange** will work to increase access to services, information and support and reduce health inequalities for Gypsy and traveler communities.

We will share the learning from the successful projects across the system through the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health Inequalities Network including case studies, evaluations and a system learning event.

### **Diabetes**

A new Programme Manager and four project officers for Diabetes have been appointed to the Programme. Adele Graham is returning to West Yorkshire, her home county and where she started her NHS career back in 2001. Adele was an original member of the CHD collaborative (Now Y&H Strategic Clinical Network) developed to support the delivery of the NSF for coronary heart disease. Since 2016 she has been working in the North West and Cheshire in senior commissioning roles for urgent and planned care as well as in NHSE's research and development team.

Adele achieved her MBA from the University of Huddersfield supported by the NHS and her greatest professional achievement to date is the development alongside clinical colleagues of the now nationally recognised GRASP-AF tool.

On a personal note, Adele lives in Honley with her family both human and furry and at every opportunity that allows for free time she and her fiancé Brendan love to travel.

All new team members will be in post by 17 July. Contact [emmerline.iring@nhs.net](mailto:emmerline.iring@nhs.net) for more information.

### **Health and Housing**

A Homeless and Health Partnership meeting was held this week to explore how we can improve access to health care for homeless and rough sleepers. We had great representation from across place and partners. In relation to the challenge of COVID all places shared positive examples of the work to temporarily rehouse homeless and rough sleepers, this included outreach support from GP's health screening and testing. Good progress is now being made to find settled accommodation for those people who are in temporary accommodation.

In terms of future opportunities there was a general consensus that we should focus on access to secondary mental health services for this population group. A further meeting will take place with colleagues from our Mental Health, Learning Disabilities and Autism programme to progress the potential of this.

We are looking to take forward our Housing and Health discussions with a roundtable virtual event. Dates are currently being looked at possibly for the end of July. There will be some focussed workshop sessions including;

- Housing and Learning Disabilities and Autism
- Housing and Mental Health
- Housing for an Ageing Population
- Homeless and Rough Sleeping

Following the event we would like to launch our Housing and Health Network to take forward the work. If you are interested in being part of our network please contact Sarah Roxby [sroxby@wdh.co.uk](mailto:sroxby@wdh.co.uk).

### **Reopening the Night Time Economy**

Public health and care leaders in West Yorkshire and Harrogate are working with hospitality businesses to support them as the lockdown rules around pubs and restaurants ease this weekend.

The night-time economy can have major impacts on the health and well-being of the public with the known effects of anti-social behaviour and other behaviours such as substance and alcohol misuse, drink-driving and consequent admissions to A&E units, and the spread of coronavirus.

Social distancing remains critical to containing the spread of coronavirus particularly for vulnerable people and customers will find that this weekend licensed premises will not be operating "business as usual" - most will be open shorter hours than normal and some will not open at all at this stage.

Adjustments will have been made to ensure safety for staff and customers, including signs and instructions put in place to help people understand the new environment.

While arrangements will vary across West Yorkshire and Harrogate, licensing enforcement teams will be on the streets in a number of places over the weekend, working with businesses to help them keep within the rules, and community service providers for people with alcohol and drug misuse problems are standing ready to help anyone in need of support.

Councils are working closely with police colleagues to keep people safe and maintain social distancing –there will be a higher and more visible police presence on the streets of West Yorkshire this weekend and many venues will have increased their own security support.

Most businesses will be operating at only 25% of capacity and people can expect to be turned away from venues that cannot accommodate them. Organisations in the sector are using their social media platforms to share information about their individual businesses, so customers are advised to check these details and plan their night out accordingly.

Sarah Muckle, Lead Director of Public Health for the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership Improving Population Health Programme said:

“Many people will be looking forward to the reopening of our pubs, bars and restaurants, but we want everyone to be Drink Aware and not put themselves at risk of accidents after a long period of lockdown. We urge people to be sensible and remain alert to the dangers of coronavirus. Two metre social distancing remains of paramount importance in controlling the spread of the virus as does frequent hand washing. We must all continue to act responsibly to protect our health and care services and importantly to keep ourselves, the people who work in the hospitality industry and our vulnerable neighbours safe.”

Further communications about the night time economy will be issued over the coming weeks. Please contact [Maryjo.pearson@nhs.net](mailto:Maryjo.pearson@nhs.net) with any communications that you want to share across the Partnership.

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