

ITEM 8

Outbreak Management Plan / Covid-19

Communications

Communication priorities



Significant increase in communications activity...

- Warning and informing material to support changes to national messages
- Supporting national effort around booster jabs communications
- Proactively pushing wider community support messages
- Embedding new messages into the existing Respect & Protect framework



Warning and informing



Changes to national rules and guidance...

- Amplifying government messages around latest changes
- Created digital assets for LRF partners to share across their platforms
- Proactive work with media, including press
 conference on 17.12





Supporting national 'booster' jab effort



Working alongside NHS colleagues to maximise the reach of messages...

- NHS-led content, to ensure we reflect latest national guidance
- Using all available digital channels to promote





Community support comms



Proactively highlighting how and where people can get help...

- Messaging around direct help for those without a support network
- Proactively pushing information about:
 - Holiday activities and food programme to support families
 - **Household Support Funding**



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If you need help with things like shopping, collecting medication or other essentials during the pandemic, but don't have anyone to lean on, you can contact our customer service centre on 01609 780780 seven days a week 8am-5.30pm.

Find more support at: northyorks.gov.uk/help-you-durin...





Embedding updated messages into Respect & Protect



The North Yorkshire community brand for Covid messaging...

- Creating more of an emotional connection with messages, compared to initial 'warning and informing'
- Continuing with theme of kindness to others
- Supports wider Respect and Protect visibility in town centres, radio ads, etc





Impacts (data from 16.12)



Outputs demonstrate impact of communications activity...

- Strong online engagement rates
 - NYCC Covid page views over 13k in a week (+7% on previous week)
 - Top page viewed: symptomatic testing
 - Views of Covid information on NYCC-owned social media 113k
 (+42k/72%) on previous week
- High visibility of Respect and Protect material
 - Digital advertising van
 - Lamppost banners
 - Business display material





Next steps



We need to continue to respond to a fast-changing situation...

- NHS-led booster jab material as priority
- Ongoing social and radio content over Christmas
- Arrangements in place to support any step-up in comms activity required if there's a change in national position



Questions



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