



ETHNIC MINORITY
NATIONAL RESILIENCE NETWORK



AFRICAN, CARIBBEAN AND BLACK INCLUSIVE VACCINATIONS GROUP **MEETING NOTE OF 28TH OF OCTOBER 2021**

Agenda

- 09:45am** - zoom link opens
- 10:00am** - welcome and setting the scene from Charmaine Blaize
- 10:05am** - Actions progression from previous meeting Danny (see attached meeting note)
- 10:10am** - Diane Stockton - Public Health Scotland (Latest Vaccination and Ethnicity Data)
- 10:25am** - Open floor Q+A
- 10:50am** - Summary and next steps
- 11:00am** - Meeting ends

Meeting Note

- Chair Charmaine Blaize (CB) welcomed attendees and gave an overview of today's agenda.
- BEMIS Danny Boyle (DB) provided an update on actions from previous meeting on 10th of August
 1. Vaccine Information Fund has been re-opened for communities to resubmit to respond to evolution of vaccination programme
 2. ACB Subgroup has been allocated a budget of £6000 to identify and direct resources to key areas of work
 3. Group chairs and BEMIS to have meeting to seek to extend the research of Dr. Josephine Adekola into vaccine hesitancy
 4. Charmaine Blaize and Margaret Lance (subgroup chairs) and Rami Ousta and Danny Boyle (BEMIS / EMNRN) to provide presentation to Scottish Governments National Inclusive Vaccinations Group on the EMNRN Vaccine Information Fund with a thematic focus on ACB groups.
- Diane Stockton of Public Health Scotland provided an update on the latest figures on vaccine and ethnicity. The latest figures up to October 2021 are available here:

Public Health Scotland summary report on Vaccine and Ethnicity uptake

https://publichealthscotland.scot/media/9591/21-10-06-covid19-publication_report.pdf (page 56 onwards)

Detailed tables and graphs for dose

1: https://publichealthscotland.scot/media/9589/20211005_equality_report_supplementary_tables_dose_1.xlsx

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2: https://publichealthscotland.scot/media/9588/20211005_equality_report_supplementary_tables_dose_2.xlsx

Open Floor Responses

- Dr. Josephine Adekola outlined that little is known about the experiences of African, Caribbean, and Black communities within the vaccination process. For example, moving to the 1st dose, then the 2nd dose and now the booster. Further community research is required to understand if people are successfully navigating this journey or not.
- DB Further Vaccine Information Fund resources will be required to raise awareness of the extension of the vaccine programme to younger people and older people who will be receiving a booster and flu vaccine at the same time. This is open to members and wider minority ethnic organisations.
- CB There remains an issue of inequitable distribution of global vaccines to African and southern hemisphere nations. This is an issue this group has agreed to advocate for and we will invite the People Vaccine Campaign to the next meeting.
- Solomon and Ebrima of LGBT unity outlined the work they have been doing to help people get vaccinated including those with no internet support. This has been done via the vaccine information fund grant fund and hosting of meetings to explain vaccine process and answer questions. LGBT Unity have then escorted members to vaccination places so that they feel safe and informed when receiving the vaccine.

Attendees

Name	Organisation
Charmaine Blaize	Chair (EMNRN / Unison BWC)
Margaret Lance	Co-Chair (Women in Action)
Diane Stockton	Public Health Scotland

Solomon bright Adebayo	LGBT Unity
Harriette Campbell	African Caribbean Elderly Association
Mary Osei-Oppong	
Dr. Josephine Adekola	Glasgow University
Victoria Lopez	Scottish Government
Delphine	Isaro Community Project
Anne Meikle	Scottish Government
Georgia Waters	
Yaa Nipah	Hywepenu Project
Johannes Gonani	ZCC Scotland
Ebrima	LGBT Unity Scotland
Rami Ousta	BEMIS Scotland
Tanveer Parnez	BEMIS Scotland
Unyimeobong Matthews	Inspiring Families in Scotland