



Agenda - Tuesday March 15th 2022

- 09:45am** - Music and sign in
- 10:00am** - Welcome and update from last meeting
- 10:10am** - Diane Stockton - Public Health Scotland Vaccination Uptake
- 10:25am** - Open floor for Q+A
- 10:40am** - Dr. Josephine Adekola - Update on research and how to participate
- 10:50am** - Open Floor for Q+A
- 11:00am** - Scottish Government IPSOS MORI Research - Research Project: Experiences of Covid and Flu Vaccines - Rachel Thwaites
- 11:10am** - Open floor Q+A
- 11:30am** - Any Other Business
- 11:45am** - Thanks and next steps

Chair: Margaret Lance

Attendees

| Name | Organisation |
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| Dr. Harriett Campbell | African Caribbean Elderly Association |
| Rachel Thwaites | Scottish Government |
| Solomon | LGBT Unity |
| Kimberley Somerside | Voluntary Health Scotland |
| Helen Hassall | Public Health Scotland |
| Bertha Yakubu | African Womens Group |
| Georgia Waters | Scottish Government |
| Lorna Ascroft | Scottish Government |
| Dr. Josephine Adekola | Glasgow University |
| Patricia Iredia | African Caribbean Womens Association |
| Gladys Ngwira | Women in Action |
| Charmaine Blaize | Unison Black Workers Committee |
| Danny Boyle | BEMIS Scotland |

Meeting Note

- Diane Stockton provided an up-to-date overview of vaccination uptake across the African, Caribbean and Black census categories. These were further disaggregated based upon age and vaccination dose.

Further detailed information on vaccination uptake can be accessed here:

Vaccination and Equalities – Ethnicity uptake of CV19 Vaccinations

The links to the latest published uptake data are here (scroll down the page to the full report and even further down the excel files labelled equality..)

<https://publichealthscotland.scot/publications/covid-19-statistical-report/covid-19-statistical-report-2-february-2022/>

Links to latest data on covid harm by ethnicity are in this report:

<https://publichealthscotland.scot/media/11979/pra-annual-monitoring-report-on-ethnic-health-inequalities.pdf>

- Dr. Josephine Adekola provided an update on the ongoing EMNRN commissioned research into African, Caribbean and Black Vaccination Uptake and Experience. The research will be reported in summer 2022 – Date TBC. Further information is available here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSff1F-OcWmEv8GT_TPA9hsydv6WU-5YwjhGWExLldYyaXyXGQ/viewform

Rachel Thwaites of Scottish Government provided an overview of SG / IPSOS MORI Research into vaccine experience.

The Vaccination Programme: user journeys and experiences

The Scottish Government (SG)'s Health and Social Care Analysis division are commissioning a qualitative study (80 interviews) exploring vaccine user journeys and experiences for a defined set of disadvantaged and lower uptake groups. The project will take into account both the highly practical user journeys of individuals (e.g. what was their experience of being invited to vaccine; were the venues accessible; what could be improved?) and wider experiences (to take into account reasons for taking up the vaccine offer; barriers to uptake; beliefs, attitudes, and behaviours) to understand uptake and what could be improved within the system to encourage greater uptake. The project will recruit those who are engaged with vaccination and those who are disengaged from vaccination.

In discussion with the Research Advisory Group the groups to be recruited to the project have been defined as: those living in poverty; those with long-term health conditions and disabilities; and individuals from specific ethnic minority groups (using Public Health Scotland data on uptake the latter groups are: those from African communities; those from Caribbean and Black communities; Gypsy/Travellers; Pakistani individuals, and white Polish individuals).

We are taking an intersectional approach to the sample and therefore are also looking to explore (within the 3 key groups above) the views of parents; the views of those who have experienced pregnancy; the digitally excluded; unpaid carers; and to spread the sample across a range of ages and urban and rural areas of Scotland.

The sample will range from the engaged to the hesitant, but not recruit those who are 'anti-vaxx'.

This project will support planning for future vaccine rollout (starting Spring 2022) by providing detailed, rich information on people's experiences of the Covid-19 and flu vaccine rollout to date. The qualitative work will allow more detailed insight into the quantitative data we already have from Public Health Scotland (PHS) on uptake and allow for more tailored responses to the needs of the range of key groupings that are part of this research. These groups may have found access to vaccine more difficult for a range of reasons and are more likely to have lower vaccine uptake overall.

The Covid-19 vaccination programme has been the largest programme of its kind in the history of NHS Scotland and this moment provides a useful time to take stock and learn lessons for future planning. It sits alongside the wider evaluation of both vaccination programmes (Covid and flu) that Public Health Scotland (PHS) lead on. The project will add to the current evidence base on uptake and experiences by providing evidence on a defined set of groups.

The project timescale is January – June 2022.

Research Aims

There are two broad aims:

- To gather rich, qualitative data on the user journeys of a specified set of key groupings within the population. These 'user journeys' will take into account highly practical experiences of vaccination and provide information that can aid in planning and support for future vaccine rollout.
- To gather rich, qualitative data on wider experiences of vaccination, specifically why people decided to engage with or disengage from the vaccination programme. What the challenges were around getting vaccinated and what enabled vaccination – this should go beyond practical concerns to beliefs, attitudes and wider behaviours, including around the introduction of the vaccine certificate.

In order to achieve these aims we expect the successful contractor:

- To engage a selection of key groups, the majority of whom are defined as disadvantaged in terms of their experiences of the pandemic, both those who engaged with vaccination and those who did not.
- To take into account those who have had no doses, one dose, two doses, third or booster doses (and where possible, four doses) of Covid-19 vaccine, but also engage with individuals who have taken part in the extended flu programme.

Actions:

- BEMIS / PHS to follow up on analysing links between ethnicity, vaccination uptake and socio-economic status – **Ongoing**
- Members continue to share and engage communities into Dr. Josephine Adekola study – **Ongoing**
- ACB subgroup chairs, Dr. Adekola and BEMIS secretariat to arrange meeting with Scottish Government to consider joint launch of EMNRN / IPSOS MORI research – **Ongoing (May 5th, 2022)**

- Co-chairs to support sharing of IPSOS MORI engagement requests with ACB community members. – **Ongoing**
- Co-chairs to consider expansion of group members with African Women in Scotland group. Moving beyond central belt focus - **Ongoing**