



### ***Social Prescribing Link Worker Impact Case Study***

<b>The Life Rooms Mersey Care FT Liverpool Community Conversation on COVID 19 Vaccine</b>	
<b>Brief description</b>	<p>In light of the lower uptake of the COVID 19 Vaccine in the BAME Central Liverpool PCN population. The Life Rooms and Central Liverpool PCN collaboratively organised a “Community Conversation” To establish the main themes around vaccine hesitancy and provide information from BAME Health care professionals and reassurance from faith and community Leaders.</p> <p>The organisers where part of the Engagement team at the Life Rooms which is underpinned by the Social Model of Health. Language support was provided by bilingual health link workers.</p>
<b>Summary of the support provided</b>	<p>Leila Saeed, Social Inclusion and Engagement Lead, welcomed the community. Leila reassured the delegates that this was a safe space to speak up and for the community to share their concerns. Three speakers formed the panel of experts, A GP working on frontline, a Muslim researcher who had conducted research with the Muslim community around Covid 19 and a Consultant working in infectious disease. The entire panel where from BAME backgrounds. Further, community leaders and faith leaders were provided with a platform to share their own experiences and views to reassure the community of that the vaccine was safe. An opportunity was provided for community members to have their questions answered and concerns addressed.</p>
<b>Summary of outcome and impact (including quotes)</b>	<p>Main themes were collated.</p> <p>The general consensus was that the BAME community was keen to get vaccinated, but access was the main barrier. Vaccination Clinics where outside the local area with many not having access to transport or worried and anxious about leaving their local area during the pandemic and lockdown.</p> <p>There was a lack of clarity of the vaccine being permissible in sharia law.</p> <p>Working with community leaders who are trusted in their communities is key to building trust in services</p> <p>Information is needed to be accessible in languages.</p> <p>The event was for 1.5 hours and over ran by 30 minutes. At close there was still 67% of the delegates still online.</p> <p>The main themes were taken back by Central Liverpool PCN to act on. Particularly the issue of access and information regarding the Vaccine.</p>

	Further events planned to keep the dialogue open and PCN will continue to work with community organisations, faith and community leaders to reinforce messages
<b>Tips for others or future plans (optional)</b>	<p>Collaboration with BAME community services is key in reaching communities.</p> <p>Areas of dense BAME communities need Social prescribers that understand their needs.</p> <p>Putting community at heart of such an event contributes to building trust.</p>