

Vaccine Uptake amongst Migrant Communities

A case study of work with Roma

Introduction

The following resource pack is the result of a webinar conducted by SESPM in partnership with the International Organisation for Migration (IOM), NHS England and NHS Improvement South East, Compas and Doctors of the World. The event was a response to requests from SESPM's partners for an in-depth examination into the causes of vaccine hesitancy amongst migrant communities.

Overview

Commencing with a global overview, Mallory Carlson from the IOM gave insights into health messaging with migrant communities, drawing from their experience all over the world with similar outbreaks such as Ebola. From there Shahana Ramsden from NHS England and NHS Improvement SE presented a national picture of efforts which have been made to pro-actively reach migrant communities. At the local level Petr Torak, MBE from Roma led organisation Compas gave a case on research undertaken with Roma communities in Kent investigating what barriers may have prevented members of Roma communities being vaccinated. Finally, Dr Yusuf Ciftci from Doctors of the World detailed some of the difficulties about reaching the hidden migrant population, undocumented migrants who we know are some of the most vulnerable when it comes to accessing the vaccine. Expert insights were also provided by Samantha Bennett, consultant in Public Health within the Operations Directorate at Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust. A zip file containing the presentations given on the day can be accessed at - . Additional resources referenced during the webinar are given below.

[Overview of Speakers & link to their resources.](#)

Mallory Carlson – Mallory is the Resettlement and Integration Training Coordinator at the IOM and a long term partner with SESPM, she has given many very well received cultural briefings on resettlement and in depth country briefings. Mallory is speaking on Migrant Communities & Health Messaging.

Resource: The Official IOM portal containing all their resources can be found here - <https://unitedkingdom.iom.int/information-sessions-resource-hub>



Shahana Ramsden, - Shahana is the Director of Vaccination Workforce and Vaccine Equalities Advisor, Co-chair Turning the Tide Transformation and Oversight Board, SE Region NHS England and NHS Improvement. Shahana has a 34-year career working in the public sector in health and social care and is currently employed as Director of Vaccination Workforce in the SE Region and special adviser on Vaccine Equalities. Shahana co-chairs the NHS England and NHS Improvement, South East Turning the Tide Transformation and Oversight Board which was established during the Covid-19 pandemic to accelerate the region's response to addressing racial inequalities across workforce and communities.

Resources: Shahana's Powerpoint can be found here <https://southeastspm.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Presentations-and-Links.zip>

Petr Torak - Petr Torak (MBE), is the CEO of COMPAS Charity and Honorary Consul of the Czech republic in Peterborough. COMPAS Charity was set up in 2010 with the main aim of supporting the needs of members of migrant communities through the provision of advice, promotion of social inclusion for public benefit, the advancement of citizenship and the advancement of education

Resources: Petr's Powerpoint can be found here – <https://southeastspm.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Presentations-and-Links.zip>

Dr Yusuf Ciftci - Yusuf is a Policy and Advocacy Manager at Doctors of the World (DOTW). He coordinates Safe Surgeries programme and works with people with lived experience to ensure inclusive access to healthcare for marginalised migrant groups including undocumented migrants, asylum seekers, and refugees. Yusuf will be presenting on available resources to address common concerns among undocumented migrants about accessing the Covid-19 vaccine.

Resources: Dr Ciftci's resources can be found here - <https://southeastspm.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Presentations-and-Links.zip>

To join the DOTW mailing list for Covid-19 Vaccine resources and updates please click here - <https://secure.doctorsoftheworld.org.uk/page/75809/data/1>

For the full programme please see below:

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Programme

Friday, 9th July, 2021 13.00-14.30

Welcome & Introductions (5 mins)

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Migrant Communities & Health Messaging (5 mins & 5 Q&A)

Mallory Carlson, The International Organisation for Migration (IOM)

Covid Vaccination Programme – Our approach to reaching migrant communities (5 mins & 5 Q&A)

Shahana Ramsden, SE Region NHS England and NHS Improvement.

Case Study on vaccine uptake amongst Roma Communities (20 mins & 10 mins Q&A)

Petr Torak, MBA, Compas

How undocumented migrants can access the vaccine (5 mins & 5 Q&A)

Yusuf Ciftci, Doctors of the World

Panel discussion (20 mins)

All

Recap & Close (5 mins)

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