

# Partnership and Collaboration

## Edinburgh Third Sector Interface (TSI) and NHS Lothian

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# Beginnings

- VHS research “Vaccine Inclusion - Reducing Inequalities one vaccine at a time” Feb 2021
- VHS Online Conference “Exploring enablers & barriers to uptake of COVID-19 Vaccine” March 2021
  
- NHS Lothian Public Health Approach
- NHS Lothian Public Health & Lothian TSIs weekly meetings
- Public Health Subgroup: COVID Vaccination Programme

## Spreading the message

- Edinburgh online event “COVID Vaccination Seminar + Q&A”

Professor Eleanor Riley (Edinburgh University Institute of Immunology & Infection Research)

Dr Carey Lunan GP (Craigmillar Medical Group)

- Edinburgh TSI staff event – reducing vaccine hesitancy and improving vaccine confidence
- Second Edinburgh online event “The Facts about COVID Testing”

Lisa Hastie (Customer Contact Manager, City of Edinburgh Council)

Judith Stonebridge (Consultant Public Health & Health Policy, NHS Lothian Public Health)

Alice Harper (Speciality Registrar, NHS Lothian Public Health)

# Support for Communities



- Investment of £20k from Edinburgh & Lothian Health Foundation
- Micro-grants programme of up to £500 each for Lothian community and voluntary organisations

<b>Reproducing materials</b>	Reproducing materials/post (e.g. printing and mailing public health information leaflets)
<b>Newsletter</b>	Contribution to a newsletter (e.g. staff time, printing)
<b>Interpretation/translation</b>	Interpretation and translation costs (written or oral)
<b>Transport</b>	Transport costs to and from vaccination/testing centres
<b>Support individual clients</b>	Contributions to staff time for supporting individual clients (talking over vaccine/testing issues, answering questions, accompanying to vaccination/testing centres, doing follow-up welfare visits after vaccination)
<b>COVID safe events</b>	COVID safe 'events' in person or online for supporting groups of clients (talking over vaccine/testing issues, answering questions)

## Engaging the community

**Community Taskforce Volunteers** - one-off or very short-term practical support to individuals where there is no family, statutory or third sector support available

- Engaged **524** volunteers; current pool of **457**
- Since first CTVs deployed in May 2020, **6200+** deployments

Shopping   dog walking   gardening   prescription collections   doorstep chats   wheelie bins

**3764** repaired hearing aid deliveries in partnership with **NHS Audiology**  
**561** shifts and **2244** hours of volunteering to assist **EHSCP flu vaccination clinics**  
**1479** shifts and **5916** hours of volunteering to assist **EHSCP Covid vaccinations**

Identifying people “not on radar”

Providing flexible solutions

Intelligence gathering re gaps & emerging needs

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