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JEREMY HUNT MP VISITS AHMADIYYA MUSLIM YOUTH UK POP-UP **VACCINATION CENTRE IN FARNHAM**



A vaccination pop-up clinic was organised by NHS and Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Association (AMYA) on 3rd April at Awan-e-Mahmood (National Headquarters of AMYA).

Former UK Foreign Minister Jeremy Hunt MP, and Jonathan Lord MP, led the praise for the Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Association UK's efforts to fight the coronavirus pandemic.

547 people vaccinated in total, including the member of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and local community members.

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POP-UP VACCINATION HUB At noor mosque Crawley



On Sunday 4 April 2021, Matt Cullis from the Langley Green's Leacroft Medical Centre visited Noor Mosque, Crawley with a team of NHS staff to set up a pop-up vaccination centre for the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community (AMC). Matt is the Managing Partner, Director, of the Alliance for Better Care GP Federation and was accompanied by his team, consisting of Lena (vaccinator) and Chloe (administrator).

The local AMC president, Adeel Shezad with his team made arrangements for visitors from the community to have their jabs. This included some frontline volunteers as well all vulnerable members of the community who had not had their first jab.

The doors were opened at 10am and the last vaccination administered at around 3:30pm. A total of 65 individuals were vaccinated on the day. Matt Cullis was extremely pleased with the set up and the arrangements and commented:

"The facilities were just ideal, with plenty of space for people inside and with ample car parking facility. We were so welcomed by the organisers from the Noor Mosque and well looked after. We have been highly impressed with the positive helpful way of the community."

The AMC made arrangements for some light refreshments for the visitors and the NHS staff, as well as lunch for all the volunteers.

The AMC Regional President , Atta Quddus also attended and helped on the day. Ahsan Ahmedi, a National Executive member of the AMC, gave a short talk on how Islam promotes humanitarian efforts and the special works the NHS have been doing during this crisis. Gifts of chocolates and flowers were presented to the NHS for their special work and effort.







ONE OF BRITAIN'S YOUNGEST IMAMS IS LEADING COVID COMMUNITY EFFORTS



Adeel Shah, 26, is part of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, which includes the Baitul Futuh Mosque in Morden, one of the largest mosques in Europe, and cites his faith as his biggest motivator. Mr Shah said: "The reason we're doing this is because Islam teaches us to help our neighbours and to play our part in society." Since March last year, the Ahmadiyya community has delivered 673,000 pieces of PPE on behalf of the government and 10,036 food packages to front line workers.

Using a hotline, the Ahmadiyya community assisted vulnerable people with errands and emotional support. The effort helped 21,407 households. The Ahmadiyya Community also supports the Croydon Nightwatch, where they send volunteers every two weeks.

Mr Shah said: "Different families offer to make food. They cover all of the costs. We've had to increase the amount of food we make. It's rewarding seeing that you've put a smile on someone's face."

Jad Adams, chair of Croydon Nightwatch and volunteer since 1979, said: "The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has continued to support us throughout the Covid period and it's been very welcome."

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VOLUNTEERS COOK AND DELIVER MEALS TO FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS AHEAD OF THE START OF RAMADHAN



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Members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Communitycooked and distributed food and gifts to their friends, neighbours and colleagues in the Dewsbury, Batley and Spen Valley area ahead of the start of Ramadhan earlier this month.

More than 80 portions of rice with vegetables and chicken were cooked at home by the ladies of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Women's Association in the Spen Valley.

These were then delivered, together with chocolates, by a team of volunteers who are based at the Baitul Atta Mosque in Dewsbury.

Arif Ahmad, outreach co-ordinator of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in the Spen Valley, said that the food distribution had been a real team effort. "Our ladies had been cooking since early Sunday morning and all costs were borne by individuals from our community," he said.

"We were delighted to receive so many heart-felt comments from our friends and neighbours – many of whom we have not seen for months.

"We will continue to help people in whatever way we can so that our mosque serves as a beacon of light for the entire community and a symbol of unity, togetherness and peace."

Despite the coronavirus pandemic, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community will be holding a series of virtual iftar (breaking of the fast) functions throughout Ramadhan. For more information, visit www.bigvirtualiftar.co.uk.

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POP-UP VACCINATION CLINIC HELD AT DAR UL AMAAN MOSQUE IN MANCHESTER



A Covid-19 pop-up vaccination clinic was organised by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community (AMC) at Dar ul Amaan Mosque in Manchester on 11 April 2021. This involved several weeks of preparation to organise this event, which began with contact with 2 local MPs, Kate Green and Lucy Powell, to gain support for the event.

Both MPs offered their support and provided us with the NHS contacts, in charge of pop-up vaccination clinics. Dr Ijaz Ahmad, a local Doctor from the AMC, made contact with the relevant NHS staff, which included Dr John Littler and Dr Huma Ghauri, two local GPs. Two virtual meetings followed by detailed site visits to the Mosque, with NHS staff were then held. NHS staff visited the Mosque with the relevant health and safety personal. They looked at the halls, entrances, exit routes, required manpower, etc.

The Clinic itself started at 8.30am with site setup. Patients started to arrive at 10am and continued throughout the day until 4.30pm. A total of 190 people were vaccinated, out of which 40 were from the neighbouring community. Refreshments were provided to all the guests and NHS staff throughout the day. Lunch was also served to the 25 NHS staff.

Very positive feedback was received from the NHS staff, who were impressed with how the day was run and with the well organised army of volunteers from the local AMC.

Kate Green, MP for Stretford and Urmston, sent a video message of support and 3 Councillors (Cllr Lee Ann Igbon, Cllr Annette Wright and Cllr Sameem Ali) visited the Mosque during the clinic.







INTERFAITH EVENT HELD IN SLOUGH TO PROMOTE PEACE



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The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Slough held a Virtual Event to promote peace, with a live stream on their YouTube channel.

The event, "Muhammad – The Champion of Peace", was attended by over 350 participants from as far away as Chicago, Germany and Belgium, with a large number of Slough residents taking part.

Speakers at the event included Councillor Preston Brooker, the serving Mayor of Slough, Councillor Jackie Slater from Burnham Parish Council and Reverend Margaret Dudley, Methodist Minister for the Thames Valley Circuit.

Atiq Ahmad Bhatti, President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Slough said:

"This was our second large scale virtual event during lockdown, the first being our annual Peace Symposium last year. This time around, the event was streamed live on YouTube. I am thrilled that so many guests were able to join us, and I especially thank our guest speakers who supported the event. We felt it was important to speak about the life of the Prophet of Islam, who championed peace between all faiths through example and conduct."







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