

**PRESS RELEASE FROM: Caribbean & African Health Network**

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**CAHN's Black GPs and Senior Consultants Gather to Share Personal Experiences and Answer Questions about the COVID-19 Vaccines**

The next CAHN Health Hour information session will focus on the COVID-19 vaccines with a panel of Black GPs and senior consultants who will be sharing their experiences, personal reasons for taking the COVID-19 vaccines and why they are encouraging Caribbean & African people to take the vaccine when offered.

Date: Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Time: 11.00hrs- 12:30hrs

The event will be held on Zoom and live streamed to YouTube and Facebook.

The event would also be attended by CAHN's Patron, the Very Reverend Rogers Govender, Dean of Manchester who has a keen interest in community resilience and improved wellbeing of Black Asian Minority Ethnic communities across Greater Manchester.

**Faye Bruce, Chair of Caribbean and African Health Network (CAHN)** says 'We know there was limited uptake from the Caribbean & African community in the vaccine trials and uptake of the flu vaccine; this would be the same for the COVID-19 vaccines unless there is increased community engagement and discussions to myth-bust. We are extremely grateful to the doctors who have given and continue to give time in supporting CAHN to educate and empower the Black community as part of reducing health inequalities.'

**Dr. Ngozi Edi-Osagie, Consultant Neonatologist and Medical Lead for CAHN** says 'We are aware of community concerns and misinformation about the vaccines in the public domain. This is why colleagues and myself are making time to engage with the Black community to enable individuals make informed choices best suited for their own health needs'

**Charles Kwaku-Odoi, Chief Officer of CAHN** says 'Our Health Hours have been running weekly since 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2020 and we are pleased once again to engage the Black community in a trusted space where Black doctors from our community would honestly discuss why they received the vaccine and why they

would encourage Black people to receive it considering the disproportionate impact of COVID and underlying CVD health conditions which makes the community more vulnerable.

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**Event Platform:** via ZOOM

**Live Streaming–** Facebook: @Cahn Greater Manchester

YouTube: @CAHN (<https://youtube.com/channel/UCpTHOGbhIEV0wZA5jvnOJEA>)

To book a place - - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/health-hour-covid-19-vaccine-panel-tickets-136075785337>

**Hashtag:** #COVID19Vaccines

### **Note to Editors**

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### **About CAHN**

CAHN is a Black-led organisation set up to address the wider social determinants to reduce health inequalities for people of Caribbean & African in Greater Manchester and beyond. We work with the Black community and cross-sector organisations to build community resilience, relationships and a social movement to reduce health inequalities.

CAHN's **vision** is to eradicate health inequalities within a generation by building

community resilience and a social movement.

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Our **mission** is to lead strategic engagement to change the unhelpful practices of service providers, commissioners, and member organisations to influence policy and practice to ensure racial and social justice is a focus of health and other sector service reform in our region.