



**Bradford District
and Craven**
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Dear Professor Butler

PRINCIPLE TRIAL

As you know Bradford District and Craven CCG has been supporting the PRINCIPLE trial since earlier in the year when we encouraged our practices to become involved and several did.

However, having discussed this further with Mahendra Patel, it is clear that we all need to be much more pro-active in our encouragement of participation and I am delighted to see that City Health Federation of GPs (which covers 16 of our inner city practices) has publicly endorsed the trial and is active in recruitment to it.

We have a vibrant and ethnically diverse population of over 600,000 people living in Bradford District and Craven. A significant proportion of our communities identify themselves as Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) and we have the largest proportion of people of Pakistani ethnic origin in England. We recognise that nationally and locally, Covid 19 presents an increased risk to our BAME population and we will work hard with our partners and communities to help you raise awareness of this public health trail, particularly amongst our BAME communities.

To this end, our strategic lead for population health and wellbeing, Dr Sohail Abbas has agreed to provide board level leadership to ensure we encourage greater participation and we are promoting the trial through our website, to our Governing Body next month and through our research networks led by Paul Carder, Head of Research for the West Yorkshire CCGs. We are also reaching out to all our practices to raise awareness and enlist their support to the trial and in doing so are also working with the local councils, key community and faith leaders and organisations.

Similar to many areas we are seeing an increase in the rate of infection locally and therefore increasing pressures on our health and care services. As such we look forward to supporting you raise awareness of this UK-wide study.

Yours sincerely

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