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**AN UPDATE FROM  
VICE CHANCELLOR,  
PROFESSOR PETER SLEE**

Dear ,

I do hope this finds you well.

We are living through the biggest health crisis in our history. We hope, of course, that the new vaccines against Covid-19 might bring this crisis to a close.

But vaccinating an entire population is a staggering logistical challenge.

We need the vaccine supplies which have to be manufactured at record speed, shipped, and stored. We have to ensure that at least 67% of the population are willing to come forward and be vaccinated. And finally, a whole new workforce must be trained and enabled to vaccinate those who do come forward. And it's not just vaccinators. People have to be contacted, booked in, recorded and supported.

LBU is working closely with the Leeds Strategic Workforce and Health and Care Academy to help meet the workforce challenges of the Leeds vaccination programme. Mark Stow our Director of Business Engagement, Careers and Employability has coordinated a campaign to recruit our students to act as vaccinators, event ushers and supervisors, and programme administrators. You can read the details [here](#).

This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to gain project and placement experience at the same time as contributing to an extraordinarily important health intervention. And just 36 hours after our team posted the first details to our students we have more than 300 expressions of interest.

Our colleagues in health and clinical sciences have been engaged by the Health and Care Academy to support the vaccine roll out by training 300 new staff to deliver vaccinations.

This is another tremendous example of being an anchor institution, and of us working to support the national effort to finally suppress the virus.

Please take good care, and stay safe.

Peter

**Professor Peter Slee, Vice Chancellor**