

Folkestone and Hythe CLP statement

Many of us in the local Labour Party have been appalled at the poor communications and management of the current health crisis. We have reached another horrific peak in the statistics of suffering, following which we need to reflect on the management of this crisis.

The vaccination roll-out this week has once again demonstrated that our government has failed Folkestone – and many other communities: arrangements have been confused and confusing. At grassroots level, we know our health staff and other public sector teams are working way beyond the call of duty. We salute them and thank them.

Out of respect for the victims of CoVid19 and to help turn the tide, we ask two things:

Firstly, lessons must be learned from mistakes made over the last year, most notably the lack of respect or trust for those at the forefront of this battle against the pandemic.

Secondly, the next phase of moving out of this crisis requires the best possible use of resources: people, places, publicity. No more wasted money, no more mixed messages or confusion. We really are all in this together.

Put these two principles together and Folkestone will stand together as a community. It is our lives, our place, our future.

All politicians and decision makers need to remember that.

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