

## **URGENT EMAIL SENT TO ALL UK CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICERS – 04 SEPTEMBER 2021**

Dear Professor Whitty, Dr McBride, Dr Smith and Dr Atherton

Re: Covid-19 Vaccine Rollout to Children (12-15 years)

We would like to urgently draw your attention to the following letters (attached and linked):

Open Letter from UK Medical Freedom Alliance to the MHRA re the Emergency Authorisation of the Pfizer Covid-19 Vaccine for Children 12-15 years (sent 8 June 2021) in which we raise grave concerns about this emergency authorisation, citing evidence of known and potential harms to children that may result and the serious ethical issues this decision raises. We argue that given that these vaccines will have virtually no benefit to the children themselves, it is profoundly unethical and indefensible to vaccinate them, especially with an experimental vaccine using novel technology, in what appears to be an attempt to protect adults and achieve herd immunity. We called on the MHRA to exercise caution and to immediately reverse their decision. <https://www.ukmedfreedom.org/open-letters/ukmfa-urgent-open-letter-to-the-mhra-re-emergency-authorisation-of-the-pfizer-covid-19-vaccine-for-children>

Open Letter from UK Medical Freedom Alliance to Headteachers and Teachers re Covid-19 Vaccination of Children in Schools (published 8 July 2021) in which we outline our grave medical and ethical concerns about a rollout of the Covid-19 vaccines to children in schools. We set out the potential legal liability of school leaders in the event of any resulting harm to children whilst in their care. We also raise concerns about some vaccine promotion material being provided to schools by external organisations, as "educational resources", which do not give the full and balanced information required to make an informed decision. <https://www.ukmedfreedom.org/open-letters/open-letter-to-headteachers-and-teachers-re-covid-19-vaccination-of-children-in-schools>

We have presented evidence in our letters that children are at no substantial risk from Covid-19, but face known and unknown risks from Covid-19 vaccines, including significant, life-changing injury and death. Some of the serious reported injuries, such as blood clots and myocarditis, have specifically occurred in young people and children. In addition, children have a lifetime ahead of them and we have no idea of the impact of these novel, gene-based vaccines on their health or fertility in 5-10 years' time.

We welcomed the decision of the JCVI yesterday not to recommend the rollout of the Covid-19 vaccines to 12-15 year olds, for reasons outlined by Professor Wei Shen Lim, Chair of Covid-19 Immunisation for the JCVI, who said:

"For otherwise healthy 12- to 15-year-old children, their risk of severe Covid-19 disease is small and therefore the potential for benefit from Covid-19 vaccination is also small. The JCVI's view is that overall, the health benefits from Covid-19 vaccination to healthy children aged 12 to 15 years are marginally greater than the potential harms. Taking a precautionary approach, this margin of benefit is considered too small to support universal Covid-19 vaccination for this age group at this time."

We were deeply concerned to learn that instead of "following the science" of their advisory committee the Government have instead opted to ask you, as Chief Medical Officers, to overrule the JCVI and sanction the rollout by asking you to explore non-medical reasons to justify vaccinating 12-15 year olds e.g. educational benefits or perceived benefit to wider society. It is clear that you are



now under enormous political pressure to act against the scientific advice of the JCVI, and in a completely unprecedented manner, to recommend an experimental gene-based vaccine that is still in Phase 3 trials and under Temporary Emergency Authorisation, to healthy children for non-medical reasons.

We are already seeing reports of deaths and injury in children in the US, Israel and Canada, where vaccines are being trialled and rolled out to children. Even with rare risks (1:10,000 to 1:100,000), if these vaccines are rolled out to around 10 million UK children, it seems certain that we will see deaths and serious injuries in a significant number of children who would never have been harmed by Covid-19, devastating families and communities. There may be healthy UK children who will not live to see another Christmas if Covid-19 vaccines are rolled out in schools this autumn. This would be an unforgivable act of completely avoidable harm, for which you would be responsible, individually and collectively.

We urge you to consider first your professional duty as doctors to practice ethical medicine and to "First do no harm", which must override all pressures brought to bear on you politically and from outside vested interests. This is a moment in history in which, as individuals, you will be judged on your actions as you make a decision that will affect the health and lives of millions of children, risking causing completely avoidable and unnecessary iatrogenic harm and deaths. We urge you to honour the high position of trust which has been bestowed on you and to put first the children whose health and lives are now in your hands and on your consciences. Please stand firm and reject any extension of the vaccine rollout to under 16s.

Yours sincerely

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