

SECOND DOSE COVID JABS ARE NOW BEING OFFERED TO 12-15-YEAR-OLDS

GOVERNMENT MUST RESPECT RIGHT TO INFORMED CONSENT

The Joint Committee of Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) considers Covid-19 a mild disease for otherwise healthy children, making any potential benefits from the vaccine marginal at best.

Over 6 million second doses would have to be given in order to save one child from being admitted to intensive care, according to data published by the BBC.¹ As there are only around 3 million 12 to 15-year-olds in the UK, this would translate into 0.5 critical care admissions avoided if all of them had the second jab, in return for which dozens will suffer myocarditis, pericarditis and other adverse reactions to the vaccines.

In the short term, myocarditis and pericarditis following vaccination is normally mild or stable, but, according to government guidance ², long-term consequences for these children are unknown. Some experts suggest the consequences may be severe and life changing.³

While UK government estimates of vaccine-induced myocarditis and pericarditis in young people range from 8 to 42 per million doses⁴, data from Israel published in Science suggests, the rates could be 50 times higher.⁵

We are calling on the UK Government to ensure parents are made aware of the known risks from the vaccine as well as the low risk to healthy children from

the disease, especially from the omicron variant that is now dominant. Official awareness campaigns must respect the right to informed consent and so need to offer balanced information to children, parents and guardians. Neither children nor parents should be subject to any coercion or pressure to receive the jabs and Gillick competence should not be misused to override parental refusal in children under the age of 16.

Consent to medical treatment is not valid in law unless it is given freely by a person who has received unbiased information about risks and benefits and who is able to understand these risks and weigh them up.



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