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Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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Petition Do not vaccinate children against COVID-19 until Phase 3 trials are complete

A risk vs benefit calculation does not support giving COVID-19 vaccines, which use novel technologies and are still in Phase 3 trials, to healthy children.

Any rollout should not start until trials are complete and all findings are published and peer-reviewed on long-term safety data.

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Healthy children are at low risk from COVID-19 yet face known and unknown risks from COVID-19 vaccines. Rare, but serious, adverse events and deaths are being reported to monitoring systems around the world. Official guidance is updated as the side-effects become more apparent. Giving COVID-19 vaccines to healthy children to protect adults is unethical and unjustifiable. The Government has an ethical duty to act with caution and proportionality.

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Government responded

This response was given on 7 June 2021

The Government will continue to evaluate evidence and assess expert opinion before making a decision on routinely vaccinating children under 18 years old.

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