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No Mandatory Vaccination for Care Home Staff in Wales



Wales will not be <u>copying England</u> in making Covid vaccination mandatory for care home staff. First Minister Mark Drakeford <u>says</u> that staff in positions of care should take the vaccine, but there is a very big step taken when you move into compulsion. This decision is likely to have been swayed by the fact that such a high proportion of care workers have already been vaccinated anyway. *WalesOnline* has the story.

In Wales the take-up of the vaccine has been extremely high, resulting in as many as 98% of care home residents and 92.3% of care home workers having had their first dose. The percentage when it comes to both doses is equally encouraging – 93.7% for care home residents and 85.7% for care home staff.

However, there are still 2,960 care home employees and 295 care home residents who are yet to receive their first dose - despite being in the top priority groups when the roll-out was announced last December.

A spokeswoman for the Welsh Government confirmed there were no plans to make Covid jabs mandatory for care home staff at this point. She said: "Protecting our most vulnerable people in care homes is at the heart of our response to the pandemic and vaccine strategy.

"While Covid vaccination rates are at such high levels in this group – and in other priority groups and age groups – in Wales we do not see the need at this time to introduce compulsory measures.

"We will continue to work with the sector to promote the importance of vaccination and support any care workers who have not yet been vaccinated to get a vaccine."

The country has, however, followed England's lead in delaying the easing of lockdown restrictions by four weeks because "the Delta variant has entered Wales and quickly spread throughout the country". The First Minister is quoted in **Sky News**.

> There is sustained and accelerating transmission, not just in north and southeast Wales but in all parts of Wales.

> It is now the most dominant variant in new cases in Wales. We are once again facing a serious public health situation.

The WalesOnline report is worth reading in full.

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The other problem is that medical records are private so there would be no way to check....

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It isn't going to be mandatory anywhere, this is just threats, so far as I can see.

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a bit like the COVID laws that all got thrown out by courts.

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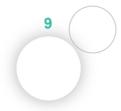


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I agree. Making it mandatory and with a novel vaccine with no long term safety data is basically assault.

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I sincerely hope you are right.

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"We have carefully considered a range of options regarding the extent to which the policy should be extended to other working or visiting adults in care homes.

Regulations will be laid before Parliament as secondary legislation at the earliest opportunity.

If approved by Parliament, there will be a 16-week grace period from when the regulations are made to when they come into force to enable staff who haven't been vaccinated to take up the vaccine. A majority of adult social care staff will be eligible for their second dose 8 weeks after their first."

Labour and the Scottish Nazi Party will probably back this?





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.. of your own making.

Fuck off with your scare mongering. (I'm finding I swear quite a bit on here and I'm so easy going and mild mannered in reality).

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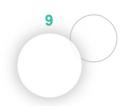


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There must be a legal challenge. Knowing the risks associated with these vaccines, the fear I have of having this course through my veins is real and palpable. I would suffer life long anxiety worried what health risks would befall me having been forced to take this vaccine. This would be easy to prove in court, and if challenged legally then all of the evidence regarding the safety of these novel vaccines would have to be aired out in the open for all eyes to see. Time for the lawyers to do their duty.

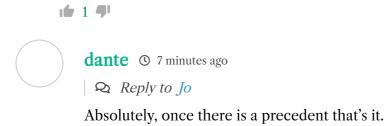




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I would suggest getting a cohort of workers together and in the first instance contact Kirsty Brimelow QC to see if she or someone of that ilk would take it on. Then try crowd-funding. I for one would be willing to put a bit of money up to support this.



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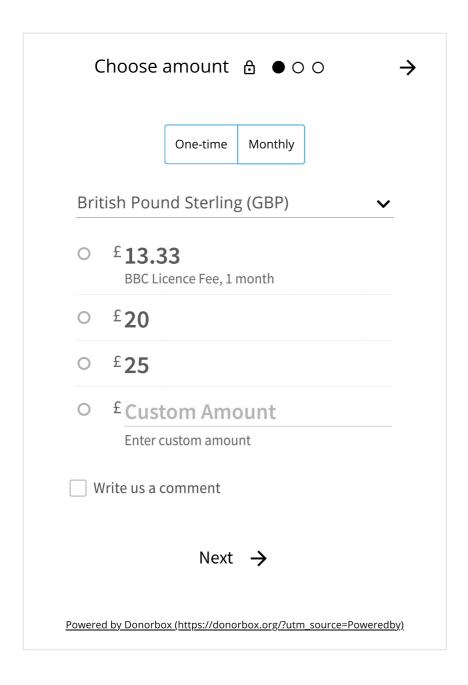








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