



OPEN LETTER TO HELEN WHATLEY, MINISTER OF STATE FOR CARE
FROM THE UK MEDICAL FREEDOM ALLIANCE

Dear Ms Whatley,

26 January 2021

Re: “Covid-19 vaccinations for community-based social care workers” - 20/01/21

We are seeking clarification regarding a statement in your publication entitled “**Covid-19 vaccinations for community-based social care workers**” dated 20 January 2021ⁱ, which states that for “**every 20 care home residents vaccinated, one death is prevented**”. No reference to substantiate this claim is provided in the document.

To our knowledge, there is no scientific evidence to show that any of the Covid-19 vaccines prevent death, or even severe disease and hospitalization. The vaccine trials were not designed to assess these outcomes, and we are unaware of any additional data that has been published that proves that a Covid vaccine will prevent deaths or severe illness.^{ii iii}

On the contrary, there have been several media reports from around the world, raising concerns of a possible correlation between Covid-19 vaccine administration and death in elderly care home residents^{iv v} and, also, in young and previously healthy people^{vi vii viii}. Consequently, there have been calls to halt further rollouts of immunisation with the BioNTech/Pfizer vaccine until these deaths have been fully investigated^{ix}.

Your claim, that for every 20 care home residents who are vaccinated one death will be prevented, lacks substantiation. Despite the manufacturers’ claims of >90% efficacy of the current Covid vaccines, closer scrutiny of the available data reveals that the **Absolute Risk Reduction** for any individual receiving the BioNTech/Pfizer Covid- 19 vaccine is only about **0.4%**, and the **Number Needed to Vaccinate (NNTV) to prevent one case is 256^x**. This case prevented is one of any severity, including mild disease, therefore with a median population Infection Fatality Rate of around 0.23%^{xi}, the NNTV to prevent one death (even in the over 70s who have a higher IFR) will be orders of magnitude higher than 256.

Regarding those aged over 75 years, the Robert Koch Institute in Germany notes that the efficacy shown in the interim analysis was not statistically significant, due to small numbers, creating uncertainty regarding the benefit of Covid-19 vaccines in the elderly^{xii}. There may, in fact, be negative effects on mortality in the elderly. In Norway, the vaccine regulators have recently published updated guidance, advising caution in giving Covid vaccines to elderly, frail people, in response to reports of several deaths soon after vaccination^{xiii}.



In addition, the Covid-19 vaccine trials are not due to be completed until early 2023, therefore any recommendations are based on interim analyses only. The raw data of these interim analyses have still not been made public^{xiv}.

We are concerned that a public document contains such an unsubstantiated and potentially misleading claim, which may interfere with the process of obtaining informed consent. We would therefore request that good quality evidence is either provided to support this claim or that this statement is retracted immediately.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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ⁱ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccinations-and-community-based-social-care-workers/covid-19-vaccinations-for-community-based-social-care-workers>

ⁱⁱ <https://www.bmj.com/content/bmj/371/bmj.m4037.full.pdf>

ⁱⁱⁱ <https://www.forbes.com/sites/williamhaseltine/2020/09/23/covid-19-vaccine-protocols-reveal-that-trials-are-designed-to-succeed/?sh=24dd1e475247>

^{iv} <https://nypost.com/2020/12/30/nursing-home-resident-dies-after-getting-covid-vaccine-report/>

^v <https://healthimpactnews.com/2021/24-dead-and-137-infected-at-ny-nursing-home-after-experimental-covid-injections/>

^{vi} https://www.business-standard.com/article/current-affairs/german-specialists-probing-10-deaths-of-people-vaccinated-against-covid-19-121011500088_1.html

^{vii} <https://www.ibtimes.sg/florida-doctor-dies-weeks-after-receiving-pfizer-covid-19-vaccine-wife-blames-side-effects-54728>

^{viii} <https://www.ibtimes.sg/did-portuguese-woman-die-sudden-death-due-side-effects-pfizers-covid-19-vaccine-54657>

^{ix} <https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202101/1212915.shtml>

^x <https://www.bmj.com/content/371/bmj.m4347/rr-4>

^{xi} https://www.who.int/bulletin/online_first/BLT.20.265892.pdf

^{xii} https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/Infekt/EpidBull/Archiv/2021/Ausgaben/02_21.pdf?__blob=publicationFile
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^{xiii} <https://www.euronews.com/2021/01/15/norway-adjusts-advice-for-elderly-and-frail-people-after-covid-19-vaccine-deaths>

^{xiv} <https://blogs.bmj.com/bmj/2021/01/04/peter-doshi-pfizer-and-modernas-95-effective-vaccines-we-need-more-details-and-the-raw-data/>