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Hi **NR**

Lord Bethell fed back on this and noted that he is inclined to agree, but before, he would like to ask:

- “what is our strategy for the immunocompromised who cannot take the vaccine or who might not be protected by the vaccine, and how are we going to protect them”

Many thanks,

**NR**

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The VTF wrote to ministers with the proposal below – please find attached a short covering note, agreeing with the VTF recommendation.

This should be read in conjunction with the VTF write round and the attached letter from DCMO to the VTF, which provide the full advice.

Thank you,

David.



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