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Thanks for the chat.

Just a few edits from me- mainly to add detail on the clotting part. One of the key things is that this risk exists regardless of the blood clot issue, that is just an illustration of how it could play out.

Luke

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Hi Luke,

We spoke, for the benefit of the wider group, we discussed:

- COVID-O met on 17 Mar and agreed to make the vaccine a condition of deployment in older-age care home staff. An announcement is planned for 5 Apr but regs would come into force mid July because of the need to consult and getting secondary leg through the house
- CMO's view is that we need to be extremely upfront about the fact that some people will **have** side effects as a result of the vaccination. **No medicine is without risk.** ~~If they are taking the vaccine because the government has mandated it, that poses several ethical, legal and moral considerations we should be cognisant of.~~ **Decision makers need to be clear that mandation means the risk of someone who would not have otherwise have had the vaccine having a very serious side effect.**
- An example that highlights the principle is the recent discussion on blood clots.
- A detailed review into five UK reports of a very rare and specific type of blood clot in the cerebral veins (sinus vein thrombosis) occurring together with lowered platelets (thrombocytopenia) is ongoing. This has been reported in less than 1 in a million people vaccinated so far in the UK, and can also occur naturally. The 1 in a million figure will change if more instances are reported and as more vaccinations are given. A causal association with the vaccine has not been established.

- **CO will** proceed with the timeline above, ~~but review if any evidence of thrombosis does occur~~ but also will flag **the above risk** appropriately in briefings to Ministers / our public comms.

Shout if I missed anything.

Best,

NR

On Mon, 22 Mar 2021 at 11:09, Collet-Fenson, Luke <[Luke.Collet-Fenson@dhsc.gov.uk](mailto:Luke.Collet-Fenson@dhsc.gov.uk)> wrote:

Hi NR

Just tried to call. When would work to speak?

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Hi NR

Copying in Luke and NR who will be able to help.

Best wishes

NR

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NR

I cover adult social care in the Taskforce and have been specifically picking up the mandation question. I've seen a readout from a meeting between DHSC/MHRA from last week with the following:

*CMO noted that, in light of the further work being carried out by haematologists, thought may want to slow down progress re mandation for health and social care workers.*

We're planning on writing to the PM today (in a letter from CDL) outlining the plan before this point was picked up to announce the policy on 5th Apr, but don't want to promise anything unless we're confident it will go ahead ofc. **Do you have 10 mins to chat through this morning?**

Would be helpful to cover:

- how significant is the risk, what does the data actually tell us?
- the strength of CMOs view - was this a comment in passing or a considered view?
- what work is being carried out by haematologists? when will it report? what do we expect them to say?

Thanks,

NR

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