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GMB Union says vital police staff must be vaccinated as a priority along with all key workers.



Keir Starmer told Parliament that Labour is calling for key workers to receive the protective measure after the top four most vulnerable groups have been inoculated.

The call came as Boris Johnson confirmed that schools in England would not re-open before March.

NHS England chief **Simon Stevens** also suggested that key workers should be prioritised for a vaccine.

GMB believed this must include all police staff – not just officers – and that the only way to tackle the spread of the virus is to prioritise the vaccination of essential workers including staff at schools.



Stuart Fegan, GMB National Officer, said:

“Police staff, who throughout the Covid-19 pandemic have gone to work risking their lives to keep our country safe, must be included in vaccine rollout plans as soon as possible.

“After all those over 70 have been vaccinated, the Government needs to prioritise a mass vaccination roll out to key workers which includes police staff. We need to see those plans now.

“We can’t afford any more of the dithering or eleventh-hour announcements from the Ministers.

“The death toll has already passed 100,000. It’s vital that the Government gets this right and shows us the plans now to protect those critical workers that support law and order in the UK.”

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