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GMB, the union for hospitality workers, says any plan to demand vaccine certificates to enter pubs would be reckless and a fast track to undo the gains of the present lockdown.

The union warns the scheme would lead to pressure on GP's to fast-track younger patients, false certificates, potential violence for pub workers and even a black market for vaccine doses.

Dan Shears, GMB National Health and Safety Director, said:

"If these reports are true, this will drive demand for vaccination in absolutely the worst way.

"If a vaccine certificate is the only way to access a pub, then most under 50s are essentially barred until they get their job.

"This will lead to pressure on GP's to fast-track younger patients, false certificates, potential violence for pub workers and even a black market for vaccine doses.

"If the Government wants a fast track to undo all of the gains of the present lockdown, this is it.

"Any decision on this approach needs full consultation with both employers and workers and is a finely balanced judgement.

"This announcement from the PM is reckless, and effectively presents the current consultation on the introduction of certificates as a sham."

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