

Covid vaccine u-turn too late for thousands of care workers



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GMB has responded to the [Government's u-turn on mandatory vaccine for NHS and care staff](#).

Rachel Harrison, GMB National Officer, said:

"GMB's position on mandatory vaccines has been consistent – we oppose legally enforced medical procedures as a condition of employment – it's heavy-handed and will deepen the staffing crisis.

"Persuasion and encouragement are how to address concerns around the vaccine.



“The Government’s u-turn comes too late in the day for thousands of workers in our care homes who have already lost their jobs because of an unrealistic vaccination policy.

“It’s yet another reflection of this Ministers’ failure to deal with the staffing crisis in social care; caused by low pay and poor treatment.

“People are voting with their feet, choosing to work in supermarkets or warehouses instead.

“We need a national plan for social care and £15 an hour so these dedicated professionals can do the job the nation needs them to do.”

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