

# Briefing for Elected Representatives

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## Pregnant Women Offered Covid-19 Vaccination

The Joint Committee for Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) has announced it will be offering pregnant women the Covid-19 vaccine, in line with the vaccine roll out plan for the UK.

Many of your pregnant constituents may be unaware of this new development.

Should you want to obtain more information on their behalf, simply click [here](#).

COVID-19 Vaccine & Pregnancy

The Joint Committee for Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) has announced it will be offering pregnant women the COVID-19 vaccine, in line with the vaccine roll out plan for the UK.

*Talk to your doctor or midwife about the vaccine.*

COVID-19 vaccine

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## Covid-19 Vaccination and Blood Clotting

Do you have constituents who've had the AstraZeneca vaccine?

COVID-19 vaccine

COVID-19 VACCINATION AND BLOOD CLOTting

It's important to be informed about the COVID-19 vaccine. Find out the facts at [pha.site/vaccineinformation](http://pha.site/vaccineinformation)

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There have been reports of a very rare condition involving blood clots and unusual bleeding after vaccination.

Although this condition remains extremely rare there appears to be a higher risk in some people shortly after the first dose of the AstraZeneca (AZ) vaccine.

To find out more, click [here](#).

## Covid-19 Vaccine Messages in Polish and Slovak

Your constituents will no doubt be made up of people from all different communities. Perhaps you'd like to share these video messages with them?



[Paulina](#) is member of the Polish community here in Belfast and works at the Windsor Women's Centre. She recently received her Covid-19 vaccination.

[Marcel](#) Valko, ENT consultant at Antrim Hospital speaks in Slovak about the importance of the Covid-19 vaccine.



## Revised Covid-19 Guidance for Funeral Directors

Chief Medical Officer, Dr Michael McBride has issued a letter advising that regional guidance for handling infection risks when caring for the deceased and managing funerals during the Covid-19 pandemic has been updated.

This will help inform funeral directors and bereaved families as to the practices and procedures that can be performed following a death.

Click [here](#) to access the revised guidance document. It can also be found on the DoH and PHA websites.

## Text a Nurse Service

Text-a-Nurse is a new confidential text messaging service for young people aged 11-19



If you are aged 11-19 and are worried or concerned about any aspect of your health and wellbeing send a text to

**07507 328290**

and chat in confidence with a school nurse.

We are here to help and can offer advice around many health issues.

The last year will have been difficult for many of your constituents, not least young people, who have seen major changes to their education and social routines.

Text-a-Nurse is a new confidential service for your young constituents aged 11 to 19 years old, where they can get the confidential help they need from a school nurse.

## Join our 'No More Silos' User and Carer Group

The Covid-19 pandemic has created many challenges across all areas of health and social care, including increased waiting times, reduced face to face contact and issues with accessing services.

We are seeking members of the public (service users, carers and community representatives) to apply to join our No More Silos Service User and Carer Reference Group, to help us develop and shape this work.

Click [here](#) for all the information.

Expression of Interest forms to be in **TODAY**.



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