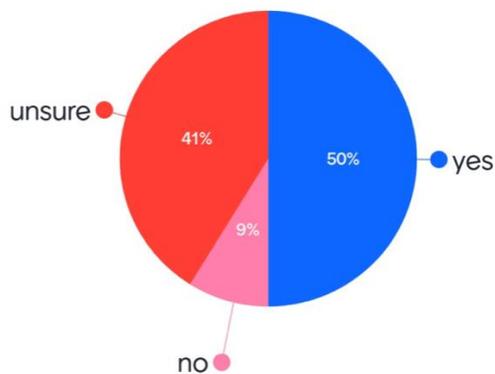


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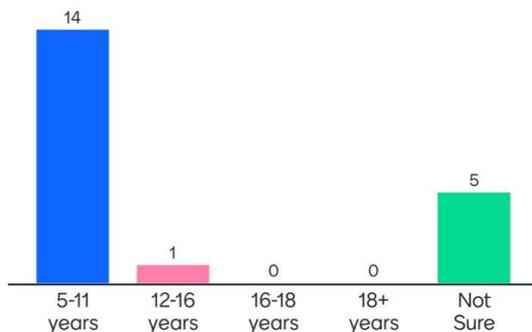
The Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) contacted the NNPCF because there were concerns that there was a low figure of those children with SEND that were receiving their COVID vaccinations.

With a quick turnaround, we wrote a mentimeter survey, which you quickly completed. Within 12 hours of the mentimeter launch we had the following results:

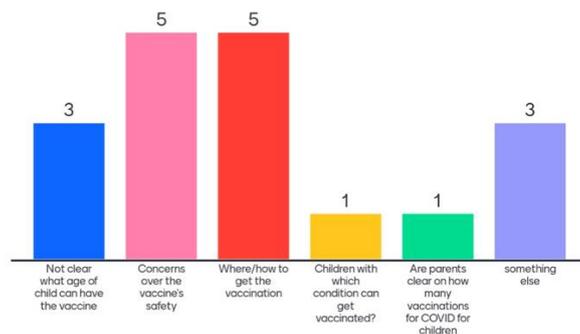
Q1 – Are Children with SEND being vaccinated against COVID in your local area?



Q2 – Which age groups of children with SEND are NOT getting vaccinated in your local area?



Q3 – What reasons do you think SEND children are NOT being vaccinated against COVID in your local area?



Q4 – What other reasons are families NOT vaccinating SEND children in your local area?

The main themes from the 47 responses are:

- Poor communication of options
- No information about how to get it, where from and who is actually eligible.
- The process has become confusing and complicated, and some families are being asked to travel over 30 miles away, which if they do not have access to transport, is not feasible with a disabled child or young person.
- Lack of clear publicity as to when and where and if it must be an appt, or walk in and the age as someone walk-in centres have refused based on age.
- There's still a lack of reasonable adjustments about where SEND children and young people and also adults with disabilities and/or LD can have injections eg waiting in car, home visits etc.
- No support being offered for those children and young people who have needle phobias. Families were told a nasal spray was being developed a while ago, but no updates since. Plus lots of confusion re: accessing vaccinations
- Experimental new technology, no long-term data, CYP aren't at risk of serious COVID. CYP are more at risk from the vaccine than COVID. JCVI comms deemed un-necessary. Mental health is not a reason to overturn a medial procedure. NHS data appalling. No trust.

All the evidence above we have said in meetings that we have had with the government around COVID vaccinations, starting as early as January 2021. We thank everyone who has taken part in all our covid discussions.



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See all the NNPCF posts about COVID vaccinations here:

<https://nnpcf.org.uk/?s=vaccinations>