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We know lots of people are really worried about COVID-19. We know that a lot of our members want to get the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible.

Scottish
Learning Disabilities
Observatory

You might have seen that the Scottish Learning Disabilities Observatory released some research into how COVID-19 impacts people with a learning disability.

You can read more about their report at the following [link](#).



Because of this research there is now evidence to show that people with a learning disability are at higher risk of becoming seriously unwell if they catch COVID-19.

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If you would like you can speak to your GP about the vaccine.



You should call your GP surgery and ask to speak with your doctor.

You should tell the person that you have a learning disability and would like to speak to your doctor about the COVID-19 vaccine.

They should make an appointment for you to speak to your doctor.



Your appointment will most likely be over the phone.

When on the phone you should tell the doctor that you want to be considered for getting the COVID-19 vaccine as part of the JCVI Priority Group 6.



This is because of the evidence that people with a learning disability face greater risk and health inequalities when it comes to COVID-19.

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You can also tell the doctor about:

Annex A: COVID-19 vaccine and health inequalities: considerations for prioritisation and implementation



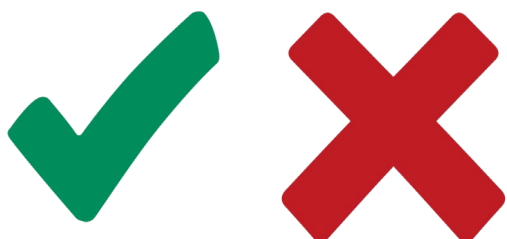
This Annex says that information and evidence should be used to improve vaccine uptake and reduce inequalities in the implementation of the COVID-19 immunisation programme.



You should ask your doctor to consider giving you the COVID-19 vaccine because of these things.

They will tell you if they will agree to consider you for the vaccine.

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Your GP will tell you if they will consider giving you the vaccine as part of this group.

They will make this decision.



Right now GPs do not have to give you the vaccine in this group. They can say you should wait until other people the same age as you are offered the vaccine.



ENABLE Scotland thinks everyone with a learning disability should get a vaccine as part of group 6.

We are campaigning to try and make this happen.



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ENABLE Scotland can talk to you about approaching your GP if you would like them to.

You can contact Family Connect to talk about this.

You can email Family Connect at familyconnect@enable.org.uk

You can also call Family Connect on 0300 303 0228.



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