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On 30th December 2020, the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) published updated advice which recommends that carers who are in receipt of Carer's Allowance, or who are the main carer of an elderly or disabled person whose welfare may be at risk if the carer contracted COVID-19, should be included in Priority 6.

Carers UK has been campaigning for unpaid carers to be included in the priority lists for the COVID-19 vaccine in the same way that they are for the flu jab. We warmly welcomed their inclusion and the alignment with the COVID-19 Green Book on vaccination information for health professionals.

Carers UK have produced a briefing (England only) which sets out the position in more detail, and which explores our recommendations for deployment of the vaccine to unpaid carers in more detail. You can access the briefing here.

Carers UK are regularly updating <u>this page</u> on our website with FAQs about the vaccine.

If you have any questions about the briefing, or regarding carers' priority status for COVID-19 vaccination, please do not hesitate to contact policy@carersuk.org.

Many thanks

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