NO VACCINE MANDATES #together

RE - PLEASE RECONSIDER YOUR STANCE ON VACCINE MANDATES.

I am writing as a concerned constituent, regarding recent legislation that this government has passed to mandate covid vaccinations for NHS staff.

The Government has decided to force all healthcare workers to be "fully vaccinated" as a condition for deployment and treating patients face to face. Whatever words and terminology the Government uses, this is 'mandatory vaccination'.

From a civil liberty and personal freedom point of view this is unprecedented.

Consent for a treatment is a basic human right and it is a legal duty to obtain informed consent from patients before carrying out any medical intervention.

Consent also has to be autonomous, in other words a person has to be free to make choices on matters relating to their body. Controls imposed by others, lack of information, coercion overt or covert, duress, fear of recrimination, intimidation, misrepresentation of facts and anything that would limit the freedom of patient choice, make any "consent" made under these circumstances, null and void.

If a person decides to have no treatment, this is naturally totally within their rights, and this should be respected.

For consent to hold true in a Court of Law, it must be voluntary and hold up to all of the conditions mentioned above.

By all accepted definitions of the word, mandatory vaccinations go against the very meaning of consent. Consent is the cornerstone of medical ethics and international human rights law. The Government states that it isn't mandating vaccines on anyone but simply making it a condition for deployment. This is simply playing with words. The result is the same: no jab no job.

Mandatory vaccinations set in place a dangerous precedent. Never before have governments decided what people should have done to their bodies. It does away with bodily autonomy, personal freedom and choice. This is duress and coercion, this is not choice or free will. And this applies to thousands of other healthcare workers, admin and auxiliary staff. How will the NHS not crumble under the weight of more staff shortages? These people have decades of experience. They cannot be 'replaced' by temp or agency staff. Patients will be harmed as a consequence.

Yesterday it was care workers, today healthcare workers, who will it be tomorrow?

Covid-19 vaccines protect the vaccinated from serious disease, but data now shows unequivocally that none of the vaccines prevent you catching or transmitting Coronavirus. Most recently, a study published in The Lancet concluded that breakthrough infections in fully vaccinated people can efficiently transmit infection in the household setting. The concluding

paragraph is very important, and ruins the public health case for Covid Passes and mandatory vaccinations.

"Although current vaccines remain effective at preventing severe disease and deaths from COVID-19, our findings suggest that vaccination alone is not sufficient to prevent all transmission of the delta variant"

The mandate goes against the advice of the UK Parliament's Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee report into Covid-19 status certification, which found that the government could not make a strong scientific case for vaccine passports, and that they would be discriminatory. How is this not the case here also?

Mandatory vaccination damages informed consent. The Council of Europe resolution on Covid-19 vaccines urges Member States to "ensure that citizens are informed that the vaccination is not mandatory and that no one is under political, social or other pressure to be vaccinated if they do not wish to do so; ensure that no one is discriminated against for not having been vaccinated, due to possible health risks or not wanting to be vaccinated".

All around Europe there are huge protests which show the strength of feeling and opposition to this proposed illiberal 'papers please' medical two-tier society.

I urge you to please reconsider the matter of mandatory vaccinations and get back to me at your earliest convenience.

Kind regards