



**Staffordshire and
Stoke-on-Trent
Integrated Care Board**

PEOPLE'S PANEL SURVEY

**Share Your Thoughts on
Vaccinations**



October 2025

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Introduction



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Background and objectives

This People's Panel survey invited members to share their thoughts on vaccinations.

Approach

The survey was co-designed with the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board (ICB) and shared with the People's Panel in September and October 2025.

Each questionnaire included a unique survey ID. This allowed us to:

- send reminders to people who had not yet responded
- link responses to demographic profiles for further analysis (e.g. age, location, or health condition).

Technical testing of the survey

As part of the design process, the questionnaire was tested as follows:

1. a structured in-house testing plan was used to assess the survey's design, logic, and overall operability
2. piloting with five survey testers (non-panel members), who checked and reported on areas such as usability, complexity of wording
3. software to check that the survey had an acceptable fatigue and accessibility score.



Fieldwork

The survey fieldwork period was as follows:

- 28th September 2025 – email invite to all panel members
- 9th October 2025 – email reminder to all panel members who had not completed the survey
- 19th October 2025 – final email reminder to all panel members still to complete the survey
- 24th October 2025 – survey closed.

New members joining the panel during the fieldwork period were also given the opportunity to participate in the survey.

During the fieldwork period, seven members unsubscribed from the panel.



Who we spoke to

Email invites



2,561
Delivered

Responses



885
Completed

Response Rate



35%
Completion

Prize draw

As a thank you for taking part, all completed questionnaires were entered into a prize draw to win one of two £50 Love2shop vouchers. The draw was held in October 2025, and two lucky panel members received their £50 vouchers by email—ready to spend online or on the high street.

Technical notes

Percentages - Due to rounding, not all percentages shown may equal 100%.

n= When shown in this report, 'n=XX' is the number of responses received for a given question.

Respondents' comments

Several questions gave the option for a respondent to explain further the reason for their answer. These comments are listed in full in this report.

All free-text responses have been lightly edited for spelling accuracy only; otherwise, they are presented verbatim to preserve the respondent's original wording and intent.

Where a comment may potentially identify a respondent, these references have been omitted from the report.

Promotional Activity

To support wider engagement and panel recruitment, promotional activity included:

- on-site presence at freshers' fairs held at Keele University and Staffordshire University
- targeted paid promotion via social media channels.

The People's Panel

Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent People's Panel is a digital group of over 2,500 local residents (as of August 2025) from across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent.

Members share their views on health and care services through online surveys helping to shape decisions about health services that affect their community.

How it works:

- several times a year, members are sent surveys about local and national NHS topics
- a newsletter is sent twice a year, with updates on healthcare changes and actions taken as a result of panel feedback
- taking part is always voluntary. All responses are published anonymously on the Integrated Care Board (ICB) website and included in the report findings. These reports are shared with system partners, who can also access them via the ICB website

Survey, data analysis and report production undertaken by Direct Data Analysis Ltd, who run the people's panel on behalf of the Integrated Care Board.

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Survey findings



What you told us about vaccinations

Most respondents (57.6%) said they had no barriers to getting vaccinated. Among those who did, the most common challenges were concerns about side effects, not knowing which vaccinations they were eligible for, and doubts about effectiveness. Practical issues like clinic hours, appointment availability, and lack of information were also frequently mentioned.

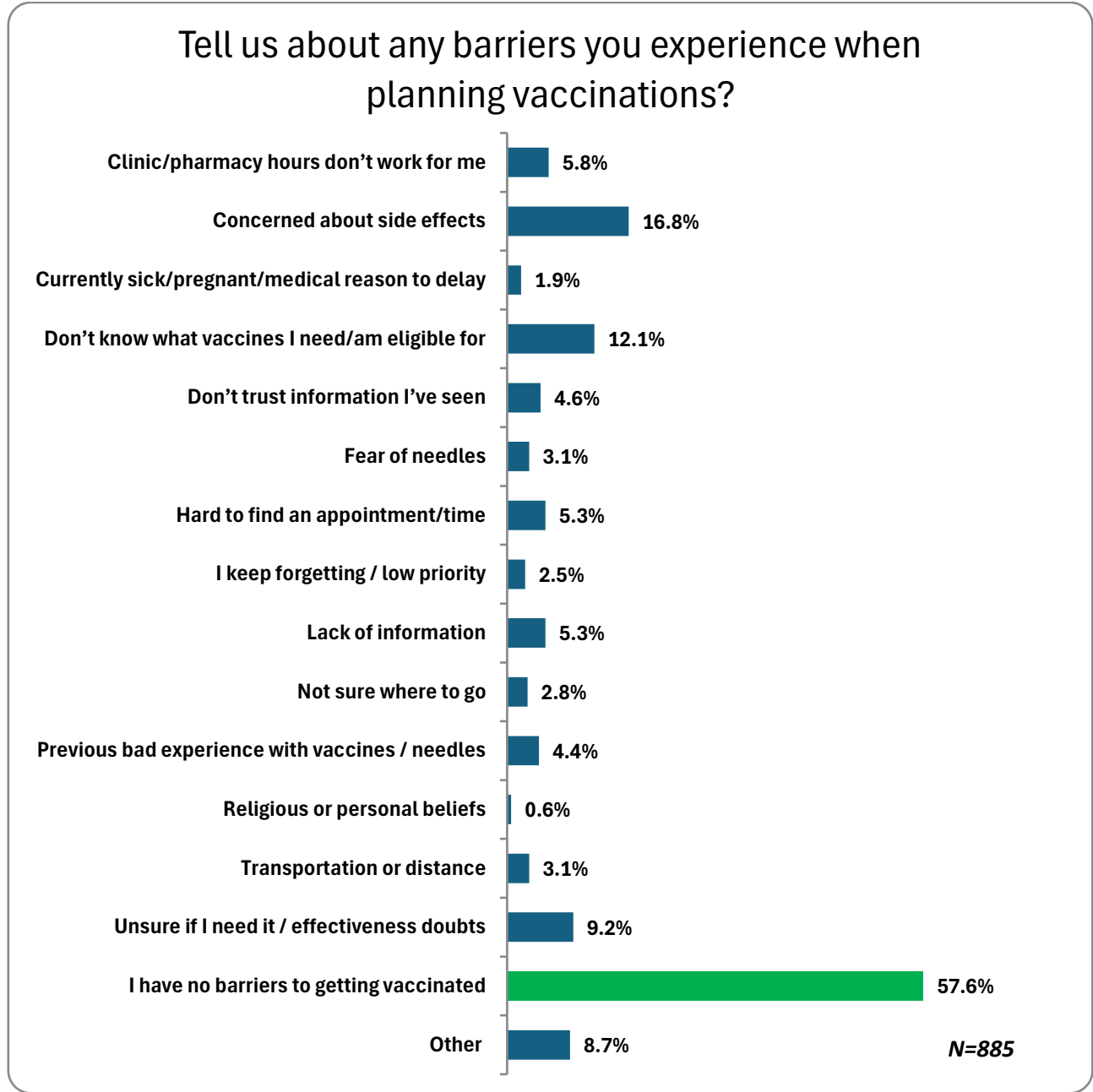
When asked what would help them decide, people said they wanted clear information on benefits and risks and recommendations from their GP or clinician. Most preferred to get vaccinated at their GP practice, followed by local pharmacies and community venues.

Trusted sources of vaccine information were overwhelmingly GPs and clinicians, followed by official NHS websites. Social media and celebrity endorsements were rated lowest.

These insights help us understand what matters most to people when planning vaccinations — and where support and communication can make the biggest difference.

Barriers to vaccination: What the data shows

Most respondents (57.6%) said they had no barriers to getting vaccinated. Among those who did, the most common issues were concerns about side effects (16.8%), unsure what vaccinations eligible for (12.1%), doubts about effectiveness (9.2%), and practical challenges like clinic hours (5.8%), appointment availability (5.3%), and lack of information (5.3%). Smaller groups mentioned transport difficulties, needle fear, or previous bad experiences. Very few cited religious or personal beliefs (0.6%) as a barrier.



Respondents could select **more than** one option

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Respondent Location	Tell us about any barriers you experience when planning vaccinations? Responses to 'Other'
Cannock Chase	I have post stroke disabilities travel is hard and hazardous for me
Cannock Chase	Not eligible
East Staffordshire	Being able to book a joint appointment for my husband and myself
East Staffordshire	Depends on what it is and why it's being offered.
East Staffordshire	I don't really believe in vaccines. Any that I've had have all made me ill.
East Staffordshire	I keep getting an alert telling me I'm eligible for Covid vaccine but then when I book, I'm not!
East Staffordshire	It depends upon the vaccine - some have side effects I am concerned about, others do not.
East Staffordshire	It's very difficult for me to leave my home to go to a pharmacy. GP surgery only offers flu/covid vaccines on Saturday mornings, and I can't get to the sessions
East Staffordshire	Just waiting for my appointment
East Staffordshire	Met a lady last year who had been paralysed last March 2024 due to having vaccination no other illness she had
East Staffordshire	Not allowed certain vaccines
East Staffordshire	Not use to going into a Surgery or crowds, and very Apprehensive because those who have a Learning Disability or Mild Autism.
East Staffordshire	Restrictions on age groups. Even some medical staff don't know correct information. staff don't know
East Staffordshire	Told to book then no appointments were available! Also, 3 months too old for the shingles jab have to wait another 3 years!
Lichfield	Baby vaccines need to be spaced out from one another
Lichfield	Complex disabilities and accessibility
Lichfield	I am disabled but not eligible for free flu vaccine although my carer is eligible as a carer.
Lichfield	I am in immune injections every three weeks I have one between to get my injection.
Lichfield	I use our local pharmacy (Boots) which doesn't appear on the app
Lichfield	No longer eligible for Covid on NHS
Lichfield	Not eligible for Covid vaccination
Lichfield	Trying to coordinate booking online a vaccination for myself and my husband at the same time so that we can travel together. The computer is configured to only accept individual bookings.
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Allergic to egg protein
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Disability - often housebound
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Had died from Vaccine induced thrombosis and thrombocytopenia VITT
Newcastle-under-Lyme	I do not have any vaccinations
Newcastle-under-Lyme	I don't trust big pharma
Newcastle-under-Lyme	I have some vaccines e.g. flu but not others ego Covid
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Just need to remember to book the appointment
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Mobility issues as disabled
Newcastle-under-Lyme	None
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Vaccines are poison so won't have them
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Very difficult as a computer savvy young person to find this year's eligibility criteria
South Staffordshire	Need to find out if ok to have with current treatment and how far away from treatment date
South Staffordshire	Notifications received from various sources creates confusion about where to book/attend

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Stafford	Can only have Pfizer Covid vaccines- not always readily available
Stafford	Coroner said to me personally whatever you do don't take them.
Stafford	Disabled & can't get in a car
Stafford	Hard to get GP surgery appointment
Stafford	I do not qualify due to age for some vaccinations which I would readily have.
Stafford	I don't feel comfortable being vaccinated publicly because it hard for me to remove clothing from arm and take off compression garments.
Stafford	I don't fit the criteria for the Covid jab so have to get a doctor's letter
Stafford	I don't have any barriers, but I do have to pay as I don't meet the criteria.
Stafford	I was invited for a flu jab by my GP; I rang today to book and was told that the surgery had none at the moment, and ring again next week. I will try TESCO tomorrow!!
Stafford	My age (68) is a barrier to the latest Covid vaccination and to the shingles vaccination.
Stafford	My mum cannot get into the surgery and therefore needs a home appointment, but the surgery insists on turning up on spec and my Mum is deaf and needs to have someone there
Stafford	Number of pathogens in a single injection- however I am well aware that due to my medical history vaccinations have definitely saved my life twice
Stafford	Struggle with severe anxiety. I don't go anywhere alone
Stafford	The fact that at 69, I can't get a shingles vaccination but people who are younger than me now can. Why were the 65 to 70s held back?
Stafford	The support isn't there and they don't understand reasonable adjustments
Stafford	Vaccine injury
Staffordshire Moorlands	Difficult to get vaccines outside of GP surgery, as I need pinning down to get the vaccine safely due to a movement disorder.
Staffordshire Moorlands	I have to wait 6 weeks post MS treatment for the vaccine
Staffordshire Moorlands	I was told to book vaccine via ap then told after booked that I was eligible, which was very confusing
Staffordshire Moorlands	Lack info about Covid vaccine
Staffordshire Moorlands	NHS has withdrawn a vaccine I was previously told was necessary for me
Staffordshire Moorlands	Not easy to rearrange
Staffordshire Moorlands	Spleen removed due to trauma - suspected uneficiency, harder complications
Stoke-on-Trent	67 and don't meet Shingles criteria. Not fair
Stoke-on-Trent	Accessibility
Stoke-on-Trent	Am housebound so need a home visit
Stoke-on-Trent	As a carer for elderly parents, I'm apparently not eligible for a COVID vaccine. This is ridiculous, as I am eligible for a flu vaccine
Stoke-on-Trent	Concern that kidney patients were removed from Covid jab priority
Stoke-on-Trent	Full time carer and can't be ill after
Stoke-on-Trent	Getting a double appointment for me and my partner as we are both disabled
Stoke-on-Trent	I do not have vaccinations
Stoke-on-Trent	I have too many allergies which in my childhood years caused severe reaction to childhood vaccines, so I do not have any vaccines.
Stoke-on-Trent	It's according to what vaccine you are talking about. I don't have the flu vaccine for personal reasons

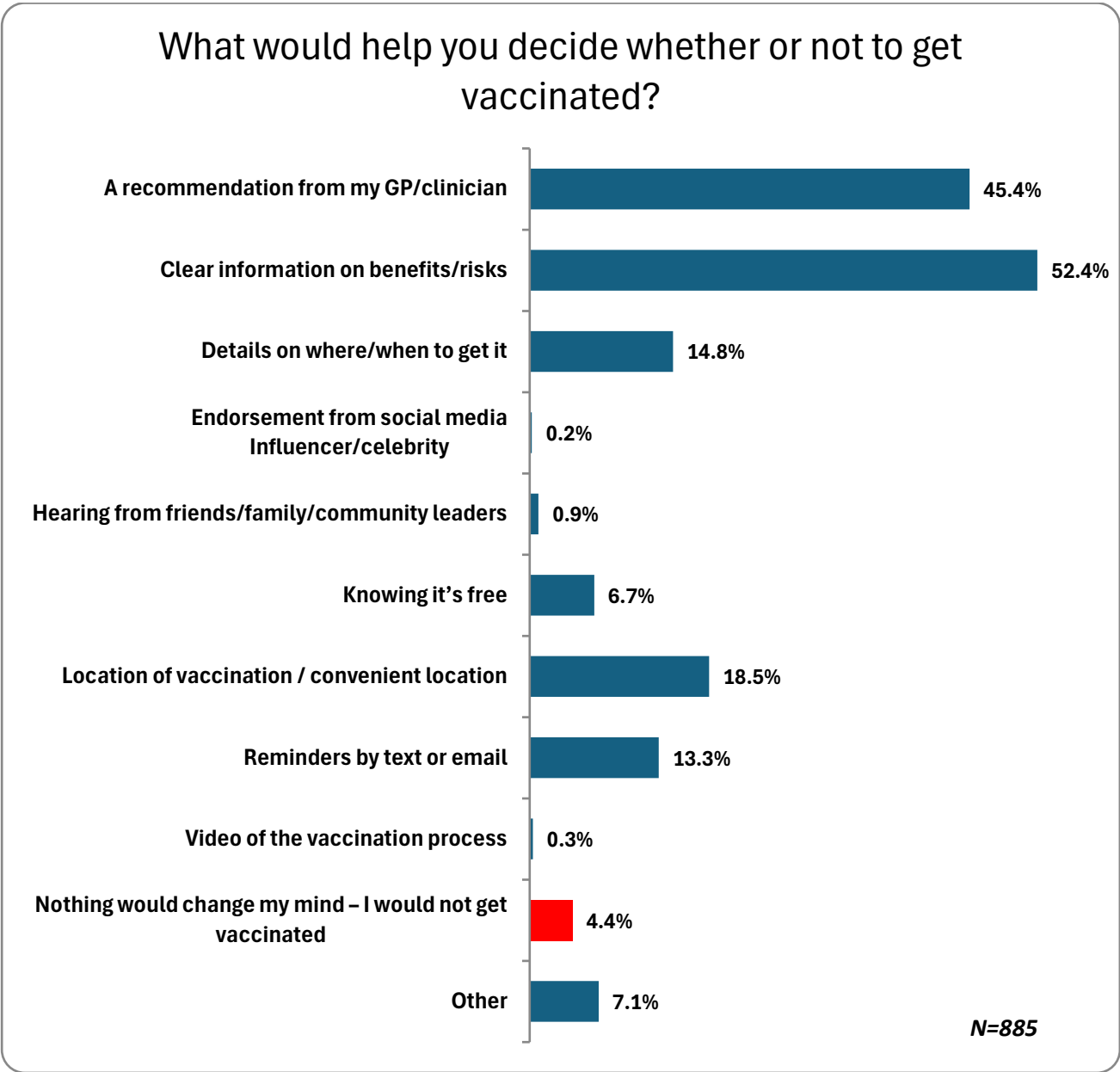
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Stoke-on-Trent	Not eligible
Stoke-on-Trent	Sent appointment for a place I cannot get to. Waiting for another venue.
Stoke-on-Trent	Struggle to cope
Stoke-on-Trent	Unventilated, unmasked... Risk an infection getting the vaccination
Stoke-on-Trent	You make an appointment then they cancel the day before then you wait 20 days
Tamworth	Housebound
Tamworth	I take a lot of medicines already do they clash with the new vaccines?

What helps people decide about vaccination

When asked what would help them decide whether or not to get vaccinated, most People’s Panel members selected clear information on benefits and risks (52.4%) and a recommendation from their GP or clinician (45.4%). Practical factors like location, timing, and reminders were less influential, while endorsements from celebrities or social media had little impact.

These results highlight the importance of trusted advice and transparent communication.



Respondents could select the **two most important** options only

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Respondent Comments	What would help you decide whether or not to get vaccinated? Responses to 'Other'
Cannock Chase	Assurance that each is needed on personal 1-1 basis.
Cannock Chase	I have despite my fears
Cannock Chase	If I was eligible, I would have them
Cannock Chase	My own decision on what vaccine to have
Cannock Chase	The condition of my own immune system and how healthy I am
East Staffordshire	Being eligible!
East Staffordshire	Not applicable
East Staffordshire	Proven scientific evidence
Lichfield	An invitation from GP/vaccine service
Lichfield	For me, it's friends if I'm going to react in and myvaurwats collapse and I end up fighting for my life. I've already done this with two full airway collapses Feb & March this year's I've been told if happens again and I can't get to ICU quick to vent I will die.
Lichfield	I have no concerns, bring it on!
Lichfield	Necessity and relevance to my age and health status.
Newcastle-under-Lyme	A proper vaccine damage payment scheme
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Don't trust pharmaceutical companies
Newcastle-under-Lyme	EASY TO FIND info about eligibility
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Good honest data published on complications
Newcastle-under-Lyme	I always get vaccinated
Newcastle-under-Lyme	I always have all the vaccines!!!
Newcastle-under-Lyme	I always have the vaccinations what are available to me.
Newcastle-under-Lyme	I would especially appreciate honest information about the risks
Newcastle-under-Lyme	It's a shame most people aren't aware the globalists plan to reduce the world population including the use of vaccines to reduce fertility.
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Knowing it's the right thing to do
Newcastle-under-Lyme	More information on what vaccines are available and the recommended vaccination regime. Whilst most parents receive info during their child's early years, adults who do not have regular contact with health professional rarely gain access to info on adult vaccinations.
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Show ingredients - is there egg in the vaccine
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Vaccine administered at home
South Staffordshire	Doing my own research
South Staffordshire	Knowing what the effects are of the illness I am being vaccinated against
South Staffordshire	Recommendations from all consultants I am under as I worry about impact
Stafford	All up to date with vaccinations
Stafford	Eligibility and cost if not eligible for free vaccination
Stafford	Having Pfizer available
Stafford	I have no issue
Stafford	I suffer from lung disease and want would have thought I was eligible for a Covid booster only to be told I don't meet the criteria I'm 68 with an obvious chronic lung disease and can't get a vaccine
Stafford	I will always get vaccinations I am eligible for
Stafford	Information about if it's done in private room with door closed or in sight of a Queue.
Stafford	More appointment dates
Stafford	More information on the need for the vaccine and side effects
Stafford	My own opinion after reading a selection of reviews and statistics

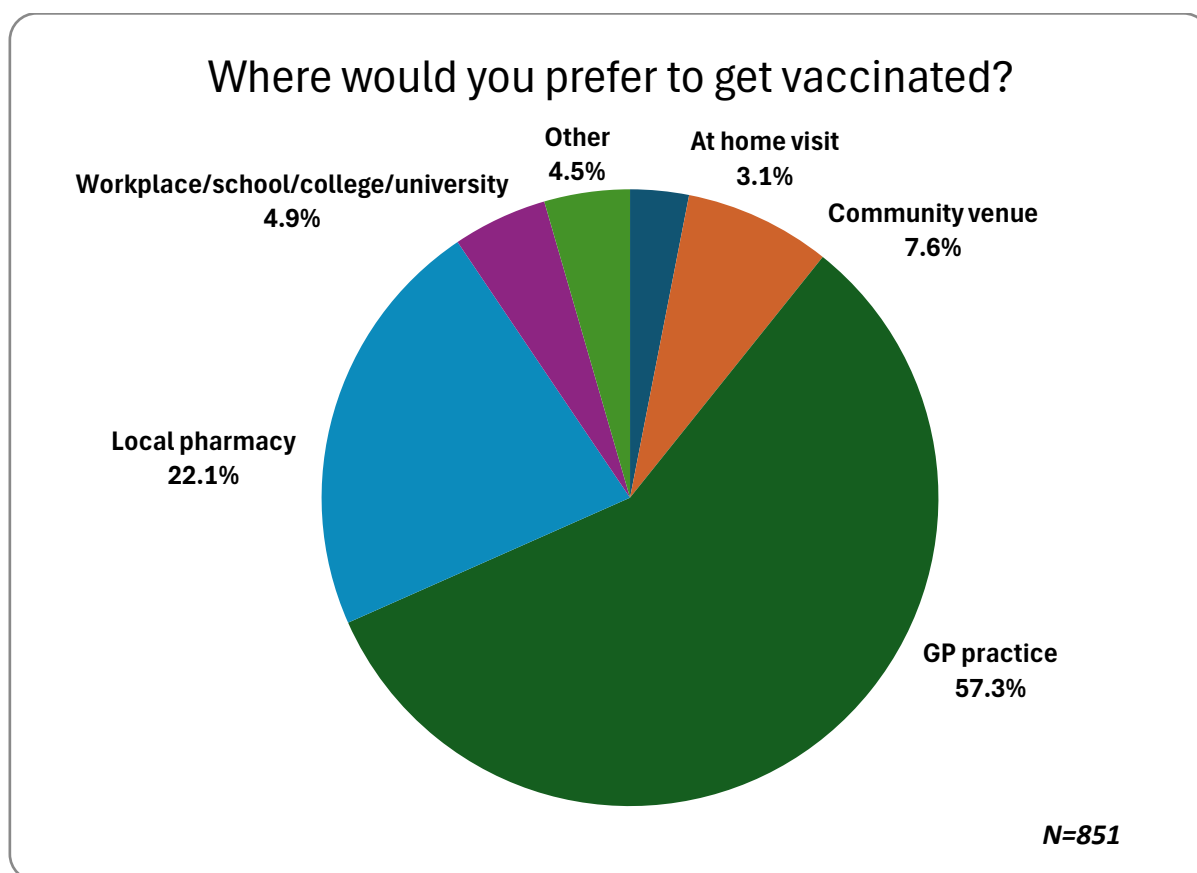
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Stafford	Nothing would change my mind - I would always get a recommended vaccination
Stafford	Staff that actually understood their legal responsibilities and neurodivergent people
Staffordshire Moorlands	Better availability of appointments.
Staffordshire Moorlands	Covid vaccine only I will not have
Staffordshire Moorlands	Research data on vaccination effecting those with impacted immunology
Staffordshire Moorlands	Total honesty about the issues, there are too many hidden risks.
Stoke-on-Trent	Again, according to what vaccine u are talking about
Stoke-on-Trent	Clinical information on the vaccinations recommended might help people to choose to be vaccinated
Stoke-on-Trent	I don't need help to decide. I always get vaccinated
Stoke-on-Trent	If I had underline health issues
Stoke-on-Trent	If I have reason to e.g. going abroad/pandemic/need to get kids vaccinated
Stoke-on-Trent	If I was told I needed to have it. I think the problem is people see it as a choice and if it will save their life then it's not a choice it's a necessity
Stoke-on-Trent	Independent not go being paid to give vaccines
Stoke-on-Trent	Not sure have to have help
Stoke-on-Trent	Timing - I work so evenings and weekends would be more convenient. Also being able to have multiple vaccinations in a single appointment
Stoke-on-Trent	Ventilated rooms with masked vaccinators
Tamworth	Home visit
Tamworth	I just want to book myself for vaccination
Tamworth	Info on its research Institution or Manufacture
Tamworth	Nothing would change my mind - I would get vaccinated
Tamworth	Time availability
Tamworth	Vaccination staff have an understanding of immune suppressant medications and their interactions with other vaccinations

Your preferred place to get vaccinated

Most People's Panel members said they would prefer to get vaccinated at their GP practice (57.3%), followed by a local pharmacy (22.1%). Smaller groups chose community venues (7.6%), workplaces or education settings (4.9%), or at-home visits (3.1%).

These results show a strong preference for familiar, trusted locations — especially GP practices — when planning vaccinations.



Respondents could select **one** option only

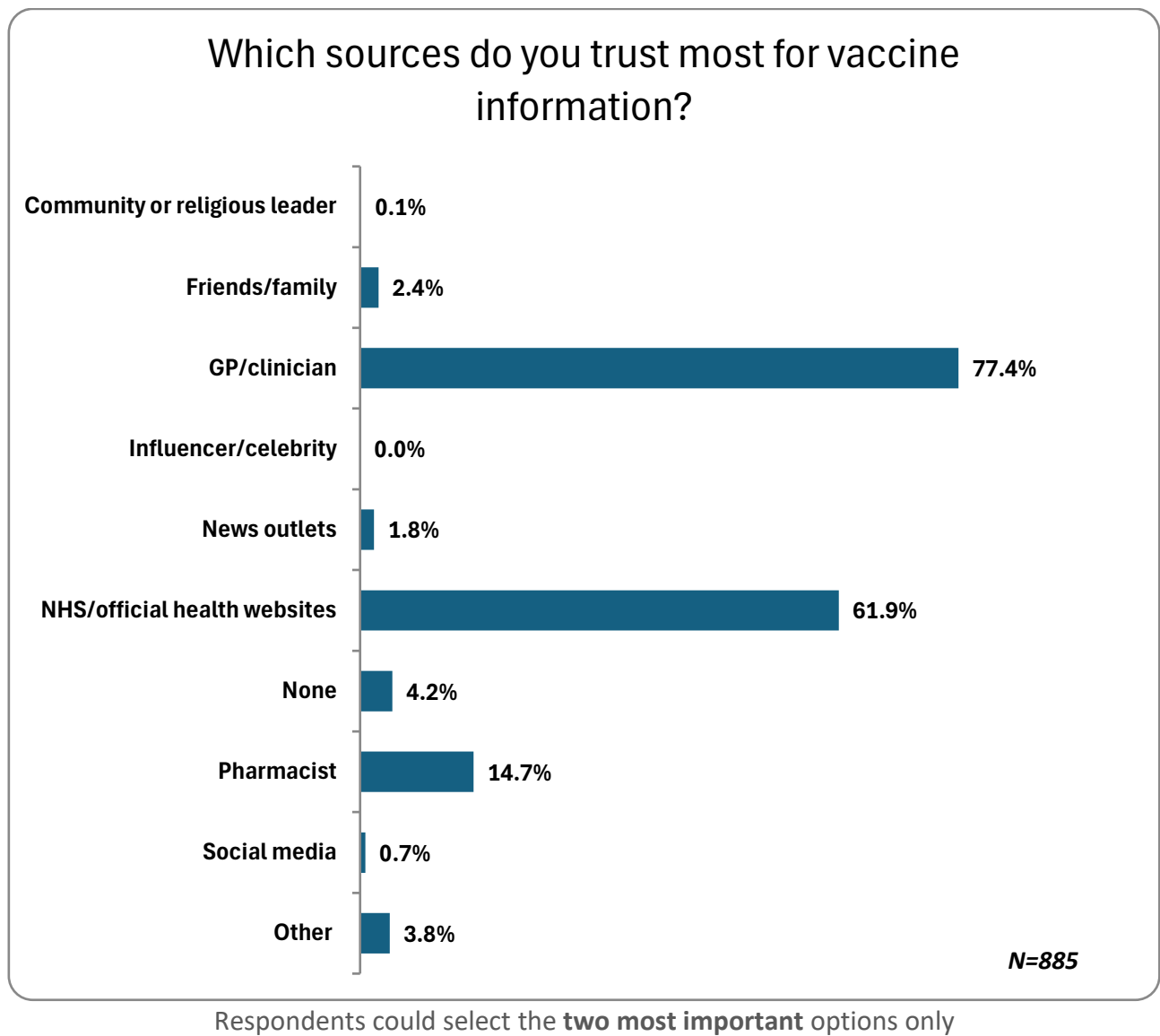
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Respondent Location	Where would you prefer to get vaccinated? Responses to 'Other'
Cannock Chase	Anywhere local and easy to access
Cannock Chase	Pharmacy
Cannock Chase	Travel is horrific for me
Cannock Chase	Venue is not important
East Staffordshire	Any convenient location
East Staffordshire	Anywhere with somewhere I can lie down
East Staffordshire	Burton football ground. As been disabled, they come to the van and do it . Not easy at chemist getting into their little consultant room with an electric wheelchair
East Staffordshire	Last time I had my vaccine there was a lax attitude to hygiene by the pharmacist
East Staffordshire	Would depend why I have decided to be vaccinated
Lichfield	Anywhere so long as the person is trained and there is provision for an anaphylactic reaction
Lichfield	I don't mind as long as appropriate safeguards are in place
Lichfield	Local pharmacy
Lichfield	Wherever is convenient
Lichfield	With parking
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Any facility where an NHS clinician is able to provide appropriate emergency treatment, should an extremely rare severe reaction take place
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Anywhere nearby that's accessible and quiet.
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Don't mind
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Don't mind, the most important thing is choices
Newcastle-under-Lyme	No where
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Not at all
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Nowhere
South Staffordshire	Anywhere
Stafford	Any suitable location that meets needs
Stafford	Anywhere by a professional
Stafford	But often a community pharmacy can offer the COVID vaccine earlier than the GP. I will go to whoever offers it first.
Stafford	Nowhere. Not ever.
Staffordshire Moorlands	Any but professional
Staffordshire Moorlands	Anywhere local, with good access, with outside of work hrs, by local people, NHS walk in.
Staffordshire Moorlands	Not applicable
Stoke-on-Trent	At local pharmacy if I had to have one
Stoke-on-Trent	Don't care
Stoke-on-Trent	Not applicable
Stoke-on-Trent	Preferably at home now due to mobility issues but in younger years anywhere that was in the workplace or local community place.
Tamworth	Ankerside Shopping Centre, a central location
Tamworth	Anywhere
Tamworth	Doesn't matter
Tamworth	Hopefully in future Medical Hubs. Meanwhile Community venues

Where people turn for trusted vaccine information

When asked which sources they trust most for vaccine information, People’s Panel members overwhelmingly chose GPs and clinicians (77.4%) and NHS or official health websites (61.9%). Pharmacists were also trusted by a smaller group (14.7%), while social media, celebrities, and community leaders had little influence.

These results highlight the importance of professional, reliable guidance in helping people make informed decisions about vaccination.



Final thoughts on vaccination

Key findings from respondent thoughts on vaccination

The comments gathered reflect a wide range of public opinions and experiences related to vaccination. Five key themes emerged, highlighting both strong support and areas of concern around access, safety, and communication.

Trust and belief in vaccination

Many respondents expressed strong support for vaccinations, emphasising their role in protecting individual and public health.

"Vaccination saves lives."

"Vaccinations are essential for public health and herd immunity."

Concerns about side effects and safety

A number of individuals reported adverse reactions or expressed scepticism, particularly around COVID-19 vaccinations.

"Covid vaccine gave me myocarditis."

"Too many friends and relatives have had life-changing side effects."

Confusion and frustration around eligibility and access

People highlighted unclear eligibility criteria, changing rules, and difficulty accessing appointments.

"I'm 72 and disappointed I'm not eligible for the COVID vaccine."

"Eligibility rules keep changing and it's confusing."

Importance of clear communication and information

Respondents called for transparent, honest, and accessible information about vaccinations, including risks and benefits.

"Information needs to be open and honest."

"Better communication would help overcome vaccine hesitancy."

Convenience and quality of service

Many appreciated convenient options like pharmacy vaccinations and praised efficient services, while others noted poor organisation or accessibility issues.

"Pharmacy appointments are quick and easy."

"Need better access for housebound and disabled individuals."

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Respondent Location	And finally, do you have any comments (good or bad) on getting Vaccinated?
Cannock Chase	All do to the individuals chose and health condition .
Cannock Chase	Always have my vaccinations
Cannock Chase	Anything which helps you stay healthy is worth it.
Cannock Chase	Being less mobile than the other person's having the jabs, causes the car parks to be overwhelmed. Better or bigger facilities are needed.
Cannock Chase	Ensuring clear information.
Cannock Chase	I always feel ill the day after my Covid jab so have to plan accordingly.
Cannock Chase	I believe that vaccines remain our greatest defence and always have any which I am eligible for
Cannock Chase	I find the option to be vaccinated at a community pharmacy very convenient as this gives me more choice and convenience than scheduling an appointment at my GP surgery. I will be having both my flu and Covid vaccinations at a pharmacy this year.
Cannock Chase	I had a severe reaction to my last COVID vaccine and felt abandoned as the GP surgery aren't interested in helping in any way
Cannock Chase	<p>I have always had side effects after having a Covid jab which have lasted for weeks, so this year will have the flu jab but not the Covid. I live on my own and avoid crowds and do not use public transport. In fact, I would prefer to have the vaccine without queuing, where some patients may pass on infections. I don't like wearing a mask as I suffer from asthma and would rather get rid of my germs rather than breathe them back in, and I don't want to pass any on to other people.</p> <p>Last year I had them at the pharmacy as they were offered when I collected my prescription.</p>
Cannock Chase	I just wish we could stop some of the conspiracies that are stopping people getting vaccinations
Cannock Chase	I prefer homeopathic treatment.
Cannock Chase	If a vaccine is offered, then we should always consider having. It benefits everyone in the long term I think.
Cannock Chase	Information needs to be open and honest regarding risks v benefits. Reassurance political pressures do not suppress honest information.
Cannock Chase	More information of side effects
Cannock Chase	No
Cannock Chase	No comment
Cannock Chase	None
Cannock Chase	None I am fine with vaccines
Cannock Chase	None. I wish the rubella one had been earlier. I lost a baby because I caught it late in life. Please keep on about the shingles vaccine. It is not just chicken pox. Dad had it and it made him seriously ill.
Cannock Chase	The reason for GP Practice is because surety of it being recorded on my record .
Cannock Chase	Using community venues is good and allows for more flexibility in appointments. Should be more emphasis from NHS on vaccinations...post over all social media, involve employers, provide loads of positive messages.
Cannock Chase	Worked well during Covid done at local GPs or community hubs now unsure about when next one due or eligibility. Do not like idea of being vaccinated by pharmacy staff
East Staffordshire	Access to vaccines - it needs to be easier. I like walk in clinics. Good idea having pharmacists do them. Side effects and risks need to be made clear.
East Staffordshire	Any vaccines I've had have all made me ill so no more vaccines for me.

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East Staffordshire	Despite being considered as high risk, I only had the first 3 Covid jabs as I was quite unwell after each one. I needed to be able to see my elderly mother who had dementia. I believe I had Covid 19 prior to it being all over the news and have never tested
East Staffordshire	Flu for many years because of asthma but no COVID invite this year (not over 75) despite of being classed as vulnerable in the past. Also denied shingles jab as too old when introduced but not yet 75. Not impressed.
East Staffordshire	Foisting the mRNA COVID vaccines on everyone has done untold damage to the population's trust in authority on these matters. Boomers are not usually vaccine sceptics, but authoritarian measures used to push their uptake (for numerous potentially dubious purposes) is a concern in the modern era.
East Staffordshire	I am reluctant to have any Covid vaccinations as it previously badly affected my shoulder, and I had to have physio. I would have the flu vaccination, but I don't know if it would be free or where I could have it.
East Staffordshire	I am very grateful to have so many vaccinations on offer. On the whole I am fully behind them when they have been thoroughly tested.
East Staffordshire	I believe vaccinations work but not for everyone. Information needs to be shared without the media fear mongering.
East Staffordshire	I just wish it was easier to book appointments for the 2 of us together
East Staffordshire	I personally have found that trying to get certain jabs where there is no one that will administer the jabs because I don't like Needles, but don't mind someone to deliver the Meds off Needles if delivered by a trained member of staff.
East Staffordshire	I strongly believe that if there are no contraindications to receiving vaccine, that everyone who is offered a particular type of vaccine should receive same - as well as protecting ourselves that it may result in 'herd immunity' for members of society that are not considered suitable to receive same.
East Staffordshire	I want to have all the vaccines I'm eligible for, occasionally I discover I'm eligible for ones I've never been offered before and always have them as soon as I can. I am disgusted that as someone labelled as clinically extremely vulnerable during Covid that I can no longer access that vaccine on the NHS.
East Staffordshire	I was one of the community leaders who convinced people from my community get the vaccines during COVID. At the time COVID hit It was about saving the lives of the people from my community. But now I have received a lot of evidence about how the vaccines have destroyed people's health not enough research was done during the pandemic but now there is a lot of information about how many young people have died with sudden cardiac arrests which have been linked to the vaccines. So many other issues all related to the vaccines. I promoted the vaccine but at this point in time I would not take any vaccines myself or promote them to my community.
East Staffordshire	I'm CEV so getting fully vaccinated is essential
East Staffordshire	I'm currently hoping to get a Covid and a flu vaccine. I'd like to have them together but I'm not sure this will happen. I wonder if I need to book another appointment just in case. The whole process seems very confusing and disorganised.
East Staffordshire	I'm sceptical about the Covid vaccine as I developed PMR shortly after. However, I've had a few since then but will certainly not have Moderna again
East Staffordshire	I'm fully vaccinated. Have flu jab every year. Curious as to why no Covid vaccine this year though, despite being immunocompromised. Apparently only available to over 70s?!

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East Staffordshire	I'm happy to but there is confusion about eligibility for Covid following cancer treatment. Poor communication a few times the starts to cut me off as I don't want to use annual leave for an appointment, I'm not actually eligible for!
East Staffordshire	It was overkill with Covid, but the flu jab is excellent
East Staffordshire	It's straightforward to get vaccinated at our GP surgery. I have had all my children vaccinated. The narrative around the Covid vaccine has badly damaged trust for many. I have seen too the HPV vaccine advertised with all benefits and no risks mentioned.
East Staffordshire	Many are sensible however, some like Covid boosters' people under75 are not.
East Staffordshire	My daughter is scared of needles - knowing how to support her would be great
East Staffordshire	No
East Staffordshire	None
East Staffordshire	None
East Staffordshire	None
East Staffordshire	Often venues in my town aren't readily available and eventually the GP practice does put on sessions. Why can't these be advertised at the same time when booking as often have had to drive 10 plus miles to get a vaccine. I have had some side effects from vaccines.
East Staffordshire	Please make sure vaccinators are trained properly, it's not just a question of sticking a needle in like playing darts. A good vaccinator makes is so much less uncomfortable. I don't have any problem with needles, but for those who do the less pain the better and the more likely they are to accept vaccinations.
East Staffordshire	<p>Raising retirement ages should not correlate with vaccinations. The reality is people fall ill before they retire where vaccinations could help them stay well or recover from illnesses that are milder than they would have been had they not have the vaccinations.</p> <p>If you don't want them say no.</p> <p>I contracted shingles as a 20 yo. It put me in bed for 2 weeks. It took weeks later to get back on my feet even though I was working. As a 63 year old I couldn't do that again, and I'm in a more demanding job now.</p> <p>Having been a cancer patient, I was told no to a shingles vaccination. I was under the impression that if you had radiotherapy you were entitled. A lot of NHS staff do not really know, they just pretend they do.</p>
East Staffordshire	The process of getting my vaccine was very easy.
East Staffordshire	There are concerns over the Covid vaccination which are now coming to light and the lies the government made. I was ill following the Covid vaccine in hospital for 5 weeks with blood clots on my lungs.
East Staffordshire	Think this winter choice of people is very narrow, and I feel you are missing a lot of vulnerable people off your list. I didn't have the summer one but had about 8 others.
East Staffordshire	This year's eligibility criteria for Covid vaccines is confusing. It no longer includes people like myself who has COPD and lung cancer
East Staffordshire	To date the vaccine programme has been well run. I have been able to get my vaccines in a timely way. This year seems a bit slow but is now planned
East Staffordshire	Vaccination is the most important public health intervention (outside of clean water/sanitation) and should be promoted and made as easy as possible for people... debunk the myths promoted by ill-informed influencers and being

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	pushed by social media by presenting clear accurate information and easy to organise and access vaccinations.
East Staffordshire	Vaccinations are important. This was brought home to me when I caught flu after turning down the vaccination. I thought flu was a bad cold. How wrong was I. Four months and a hospital visit it took me to recover.
East Staffordshire	Vaccinations are the greatest breakthrough in health. They have allowed millions of people to lead healthier and longer lives. The NHS should publicise this more.
East Staffordshire	<p>Vaccines got a bad name during COVID due to the speed at which they were produced. However, I understand lot of money has gone into this process and production.</p> <p>I have some reservations but feel that flu and measles, mumps and rubella are essential. I did have all the COVID vaccines and as more is known will continue to do so.</p>
East Staffordshire	Well, We need correct information not get your appointment for Covid and flu and then told you can't get your Covid. Make that clear at point of booking. Also, if you have your Shingles told you have to remember your next appointment because it is free, so we don't remind you!!
East Staffordshire	Yes, born June 1958 asked for shingles vaccine and declined as I am 3 months too old!
Lichfield	Access for visually impaired people not always good
Lichfield	Always trust my GP.
Lichfield	Everyone should have as many vaccinations as are available.
Lichfield	Generally, have had positive experiences. It has been a bit confusing in recent years as to who is eligible for Covid vaccinations as the age groups keep changing and who will be delivering it.
Lichfield	Having nearly died of Covid 2x of two different variants I do get vaccinated, but because of the county I live in even though I have complex disabilities, I am told I am not intitled to get the two jabs per year which seems to be my county as I get the email from NHS England to tell me to go and get it , the surgery says I am not entitled , yet my friend who lives the next county over gets it, It should be for everyone , no matter where you live , what health authority you come under. the second time I got Covid , my next of kin was bought in and I wasn't expected to survive, yet I am only entitled to have one jab a year, my flu jab, but no others, I have a rare condition , asthmatic , take numerous pills per day just to get through each day, and live with long Covid , if that's what you call it 'living' Information and roll outs should be the same nationally no matter where you live,. NOT be a post code lottery
Lichfield	Having the right to decline vaccinations without having to explain why and being forced to comply to keep jobs
Lichfield	I am cynical about the Covid vaccine. It is a novel vaccine and needs further trials.
Lichfield	I am strongly in favour of vaccines. Unfortunately, too many people are being 'influenced' by so called 'social media influencers'. This needs to be curtailed (but how?), due to overwhelming misinformation from these unqualified, self-serving, self-important nonentities, who unfortunately are followed by too many people. Rant over!
Lichfield	I believe getting vaccinated is sensible but felt overloaded during the pandemic.
Lichfield	I find vaccine reluctance hard to comprehend. Modern vaccines have been well tested. I come from an age where there was a polio epidemic.
Lichfield	I have always believed in vaccination.

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Lichfield	I have always had a positive experience of getting vaccinated and always take up any I'm eligible for.
Lichfield	I recently asked to have a tetanus vaccine as it was about 15 years since my last one. When I contacted my GP practice, I had to justify why I wanted a tetanus vaccine, even though they could see that it was well over 10 years since I'd had one. They did give me the tetanus vaccination.
Lichfield	I think it is a good thing to have
Lichfield	I think it's incredibly important to get vaccinated but it does annoy me that I'm suddenly expected to pay for a flu vaccine when I've been having a free one for years
Lichfield	I think more information for the general public will be helpful to allow them to understand the importance of getting vaccinated.
Lichfield	I truly believe that getting vaccinated is important, not only for my own health but also helping to protect my elderly relatives whom I have to care for.
Lichfield	I would be more hesitant if I had to wait in a queue for a long time. Luckily, this is not the case locally.
Lichfield	<p>I would have been happy to continue with Covid vaccinations, but eligibility rules changed.</p> <p>I also know I do not have immunity for mumps, measles or rubella. I would feel more reassured if I could get vaccine, but I am not eligible.</p> <p>I am also concerned that I am still waiting for my shingles vaccination when people younger than me are now receiving it, as I am aware that the risk of complications of shingles increases with age. I cannot understand why it wasn't opened up to people in my age group.</p>
Lichfield	I'm booked in for a 'flu vaccine and hope I will be offered a Covid vaccine soon. Maybe I will be given it at the same time, I hope so
Lichfield	I'm very pro-vaccine. Honestly, I want more vaccines. I was very disappointed that this year I am apparently not eligible for the Covid vaccine, despite being eligible for the flu shot and getting the Covid booster last year.
Lichfield	Local pharmacy is fine as long as they have had training
Lichfield	More people should take evidence-based decisions rather than influencer / media / celebrity-based misinformation
Lichfield	My experiences have all been fine.
Lichfield	Need clear NHS statements as to why vaccinations are important to restrict anti vaccination fears
Lichfield	Need to be called for vaccination. it should not be left to me to remember I need one or which I need.
Lichfield	No
Lichfield	No, never had a problem to get any all that I need I get by invitation email /text or sometimes by post
Lichfield	NONE
Lichfield	Offer my flu vaccination I felt unwell and low for seven days
Lichfield	Protecting ourselves and others
Lichfield	Recently went to pharmacy for flu and Covid injection. Told I'm TOO YOUNG to have Covid ignoring my health problems. Plus, I'm 70 in a week. I've always had Covid/flu injections. Are doctors just saving money!
Lichfield	Yes, as detailed about I'm highly at risk but my reactions are unknown to vaccines. They can literally kill me but also not having them if I contract (like in

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	Feb/march had I had virus chest infect n Covid in 4 weeks) a virus or infection that could have been given can cause reactions. Plus, only have one week every three I can get vaccinated.
Newcastle-under-Lyme	100% behind vaccination. Very worried about the current anti-vax climate - we need herd immunity to protect vulnerable people.
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Always found GP practice to be good in recommending good appoint reminders and prompt service at Mount Road Practice Kidsgrove.
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Covid injection gave me diabetes perhaps you should publish some findings
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Disappointed not to be eligible for Covid vaccine this year.
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Do not trust pharmaceutical companies. They are in it for the money.
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Don't trust them
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Ease of location, Clear and regular Information on value of being vaccinated. (Press and TV) (To better inform social media)
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Family members have had very serious reactions to being vaccinated, which health professionals have confirmed was due to the vaccination. I now have many health issues where before the Covid 19 vaccinations and flu jabs, I had a few but not as many and not severe. Friends who have refused all vaccines are fit as a fiddle. It's now concerning me that we are as a society becoming over vaccinated and it's not helpful for our bodies.
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Flu fine. Covid does make me ill so need to pick 2 clear days
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Generally, quite happy to be vaccinated appropriately.
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Gratitude
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Happy to be vaccinated if strong evidence base for the benefits. Most vaccinations are not free for me (being aged 62) but not sure what is available (other than flu) that is appropriate and can be paid for
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Have received flu vaccination this week as have all my family. My husband has a disability, and my mother is 86. All received an email and booked online. Attended our GP practice, and system ran very well
Newcastle-under-Lyme	I always have the vaccinations hoping they are going to prevent getting what they are prescribed for and so far, that has been so. I have not had Covid, very seldom have colds, shingles so my trust is in them.
Newcastle-under-Lyme	I am a strong supporter of vaccinations. My father lost 2 brothers to conditions which are now covered by childhood vaccinations.
Newcastle-under-Lyme	I am happy to get vaccinated against anything which is recommended and which preserves my health. I have also taken part in 2 vaccine trials (RSV and E.coli) as I see the importance of vaccines. I am a retired nurse.
Newcastle-under-Lyme	I am very happy with the current vaccination programme
Newcastle-under-Lyme	I booked for both flu and Covid vaccinations recently and only when I arrived at the pharmacy for my appointment was I told the rules had changed and I could only have the flu one.
Newcastle-under-Lyme	I do not trust vaccines, i.e. side effects aren't always known. Would only get absolutely essential for me.
Newcastle-under-Lyme	I don't object to being vaccinated-I have to delay for 6 weeks post Ocrevus infusion for MS treatment.
Newcastle-under-Lyme	I find it very sad and worrying that people seem to be sceptical of vaccines, since Covid. So sad how they believe social media rubbish, and not the Government of the NHS
Newcastle-under-Lyme	I find the vaccination services offered by my GP practice are excellent.
Newcastle-under-Lyme	I have faith in long established vaccines e.g. for babies and children, influenza, shingles, RSV. However, I am more sceptical about newer vaccines. Despite

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	being 75, the Astra Zeneca Covid vaccine gave me myocarditis, atrial fibrillation and being put on medication for the rest of my life. Authorities said only an issue for younger males. The Moderna vaccine caused my wife (75) to have severe lymphoedema in the left side of her face. Several other friends and acquaintances also had negative side effects.
Newcastle-under-Lyme	I have had all my vaccinations since childhood, plus travel vaccinations, Covid and occasionally flu and I truly believe it is what has kept me healthy.
Newcastle-under-Lyme	I have had Covid three times, but I haven't been ill as such a very heavy cold and sore throat last week, but I could have been worse if I hadn't had the vaccine
Newcastle-under-Lyme	I have had many vaccines due to being immunosuppressed and have never had a bad experience! I have always been told they are essential for my health
Newcastle-under-Lyme	I have no issues with being vaccinated and am concerned about those who believe misinformation in regard to it.
Newcastle-under-Lyme	I have suffered many allergies with regards to inoculations or drugs given intravenously that I have no medication if I suspect or know that I am allergic to them. Unfortunately, every year I am asked via messages that I can receive both the flu and COVID
Newcastle-under-Lyme	I have taken the vaccines that are available and always ok no side effects and no problems.
Newcastle-under-Lyme	I think it is a good idea to be vaccinated, last time I had the Covid and flu jab I've had it before, but last time I had a reaction, so in the future I will have one at a time
Newcastle-under-Lyme	I think it's very important to be vaccinated. People that don't put others at risk
Newcastle-under-Lyme	I think it's important and a lot of the myths need to be dispelled. I get vaccinated when I can but can't always due to my disability and health conditions. And have to be careful about having them too close together, e.g. with flu and Covid ones.
Newcastle-under-Lyme	I think preventative measures are a good thing.
Newcastle-under-Lyme	I think vaccines are excellent, and we should trust the experts
Newcastle-under-Lyme	I will get vaccinated for anything going
Newcastle-under-Lyme	I would have liked the COVID jab this year, but I am not willing to pay.
Newcastle-under-Lyme	If you can, it's great
Newcastle-under-Lyme	I'm a nurse who vaccinated and try to encourage people to get vaccinate and provide them with a positive experience.
Newcastle-under-Lyme	In Staffordshire at the site of the injection I get bruises after but in Cheshire I don't. Why is it so? Needle size or just a different technique used to give the injection?
Newcastle-under-Lyme	It helps everyone so why wouldn't you do it
Newcastle-under-Lyme	It is essential that we accept good clinical advice and get vaccinated
Newcastle-under-Lyme	It's the right thing to do for population health
Newcastle-under-Lyme	It's wise to get vaccinated to protect against illnesses.
Newcastle-under-Lyme	More should be offered in early School days. All people visiting the Country should be Vaccinated.
Newcastle-under-Lyme	My vaccine was administered by my GP too low down on my arm causing unnecessary swelling and pain. I showed this to the infection prevention Nurse at my NHS workplace who was horrified. I have never had a vaccine since.
Newcastle-under-Lyme	No
Newcastle-under-Lyme	No
Newcastle-under-Lyme	No additional comments other than the service I received from my local GP surgery is second to none.
Newcastle-under-Lyme	No com. Have had both flu and Covid.
Newcastle-under-Lyme	No comments thank you

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Newcastle-under-Lyme	None at all
Newcastle-under-Lyme	None, having Flu Vaccine at local Pharmacy and Covid Vaccine at Doctors, can't have two on same day, hate needles
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Only had a reaction on my first Covid jab and I was ill for around two weeks.
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Only that it's now more difficult get a Covid booster due to new eligibility criteria
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Personally, I haven't had any bad experiences with flu or Covid vaccinations, so I will continue to have them each year.
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Prior to my husband dying from the AstraZeneca vaccine, I took all vaccines. Following this experience the censoring, the neglected and abandonment of those of us who have suffered serious confirmed vaccine injury and bereavement it is unlikely I would trust any information that is given at this time. Failing to acknowledge the risks and support those affected by vaccine harm has damaged trust.
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Something that we all need to do. Need to make it easier for people to be vaccinated
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Sorry to miss Covid vaccine this year being nearly 75!
Newcastle-under-Lyme	The bland assumption that just because the NHS thinks you ought to be vaccinated, then patients should get vaccinated without question. As I have found with other medication the medical professionals are not always correct and don't always respond well t
Newcastle-under-Lyme	The Covid vaccine has killed more people than the virus , which a flu and it comes out every winter, it's the government trying to control us
Newcastle-under-Lyme	The easier it is to book a slot online, the more likely I am to do it.
Newcastle-under-Lyme	The only thing I would prefer is that the flu vaccine be offered a little earlier in the year before I get my first autumn cold. I always worry that the cold will drag on into a chest infection then I won't be able to get my flu jab. I also haven't been offered a Covid booster this year so far, I'm not sure if that's still a thing for those who are vulnerable?
Newcastle-under-Lyme	The shingles vaccination was very painful when receiving it and up to 5 days post vaccination.
Newcastle-under-Lyme	The vaccine would have to be made for at least 10 years and tested for that long before I would even think of having it. And informed consent that it was still a trial unlike the "Covid vaccine" people were not told it was a trial they were taking part in
Newcastle-under-Lyme	There are too many lies told about the effectiveness of vaccines and too much cover-up of adverse effects. It's interesting how Big Pharma can't be sued for side effects but still makes millions from vaccine sales.
Newcastle-under-Lyme	They are a risk.
Newcastle-under-Lyme	They hurt!
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Too many friends and relatives have had really bad life changing side effects from the COVID vaccine. I will never have another!
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Upfront, honest information would be really appreciated - not glossing over any risks involved
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Vaccination is a brilliant invention which has saved so many lives. I remember the fear of diphtheria, polio etc pre-vaccination, and - like most children - I had suffered measles, German measles, chickenpox.....I was lucky enough to be in for the very first wave of polio vaccinations in the 1950s. I try to make sure I am fully vaccinated against as many illnesses as possible.
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Vaccination is about prevention rather than curing; prevention is always better.
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Vaccinations are so important for a healthy society. It is sad that people trust celebrities and influencers over experts is worrying.

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Newcastle-under-Lyme	We have just discovered we are no longer eligible for the Covid vaccination despite having been registered as high risk throughout lockdown. Our conditions have not changed, and we can't afford the cost privately. We feel let down.
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Yes, COVID jab has ruined so many people's lives . I've witnessed it in my job. It was rushed and not tested except on humans and now it's too late . Hence why people do not trust vaccinations . Govt don't want to pay our pensions read into that as you will.
South Staffordshire	All good
South Staffordshire	Happy to be vaccinated
South Staffordshire	I attended Penkridge medical practice today (Saturday)for a flu vaccination and was excellent service fast efficient and swish
South Staffordshire	I eat healthily; my immune system is good. I do my own research and my faith in the government and medical establishment has been damaged beyond repair!
South Staffordshire	I need reassurance on if a vaccine is live and if it could cause a reaction if too close to a treatment date etc
South Staffordshire	I wish the age limit for flu and Covid were lower
South Staffordshire	I would avoid vaccination if possible because it takes me a long time to overcome the fear. Having said that, the Healthcare professionals are doing a great job in distracting me and providing me comfort while vaccination.
South Staffordshire	Its good practice to take advantage of vaccines available
South Staffordshire	My brother has a good gp practice. When he visits for a vaccination, they have checked his health records and give him other vaccinations.
South Staffordshire	Neither have a problem
South Staffordshire	NHS often gives benefits but not risks, making it difficult to make an informed decision
South Staffordshire	No comment on vaccination but reminders daily by email, phone, text got a bit much even after a booking made. I think I had over 10 for me and the same for my husband.
South Staffordshire	People are more educated today, read more, are more aware. We know for example the flu vaccine is hit and miss regarding which strain an individual contracts. The Covid vaccine was not tried and tested enough for me, my husband only had one due to a bad side effect. The body has an immune system to fight infections, if this fails it is meant to be. I am not against well tried and tested vaccines such as tetanus. I am also pro children's vaccines but not Covid or flu or shingles or pneumococcal or RSV for me. I am sure I had RSV last year; I was ill for weeks but came through. I never give advice or preach my own views to family or friends or tell them not to get vaccinated.
Stafford	All the advertising in the world makes no difference if you can't get one, another waste of money
Stafford	Always been in favour.
Stafford	As an older person I have no hesitation in getting appropriately vaccinated when medically recommended ~ winter flu, Covid, shingles etc
Stafford	Don't like it when I have had flu and Covid vaccines together feel rough for a week. Prefer to have them separately if possible
Stafford	During Covid I never caught it and the flu injection was rejected because I've never had a cold for a very long time, even though I have a very low immune system.
Stafford	Firstly, due to my own medical history I am in No Doubt that vaccination has saved my life at least twice And I strongly believe in the concept of vaccination

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	That being said Concern over the number of pathogens in a single injection and the closeness o
Stafford	Focus on educating children - if they understand the science, the logic and had a visit from someone outside of school, they'd be more likely to want to be vaccinated and to educate their elders. This is effective in overcoming cultural barriers, e.g. the belief that Nigeria didn't get Covid.
Stafford	Good communication from GP and NHS web site
Stafford	Have never had any problems.
Stafford	Having lived in the tropics and benefitted from an array of inoculations against deadly diseases throughout my childhood years, having had two grandparents who died of diseases now preventable with vaccination, it's a no-brainer for me.
Stafford	I always felt really ropey for 3 days after COVID and flu vaccinations, so it takes gritted teeth to go for these. I have to believe/remember it is better than get the real thing.
Stafford	I am 78, had all vaccinations available throughout my life. I believe that younger people, who do not know what some of the diseases do, question vaccinations for that reason. My mother hated big flies, because they could carry poliomyelitis. She knew what it did to us, vaccines have given many of us much longer lives.
Stafford	I am immunosuppressed and will be for the rest of my life. I experienced great difficulty on getting my GP to administer the COVID jab during the pandemic because I was under the age of 65 and immunosuppressive treatment is administered by the hospital. The two never tied up together and the only way I got the vaccine was through my local pharmacy. Now that I'm over the age of 65 I am offered the vaccine by the GP however I note that the criteria is much reduced this year and my partner aged 66 is no longer eligible meaning increased risk for both of us. My son has a clinical role in hospital and lives with us. He isn't entitled to receive the vaccine either. He currently has COVID caught through his work. My partner and I are luckily away this week otherwise I would be facing risk of serious illness. How does this new criteria keep us safe? and will the vaccine continue to be offered to me every 6 months. I really hope.
Stafford	I am just a few months short of qualifying for Covid prevention right now. Enquiries inform me that I need to go to a large Boots Chemist and pay £89 for vaccination. On a widow's pension and a bit of a distance away, this something I would need to work out carefully. Nothing really feels helpful about medical care these days. I feel expendable.
Stafford	I am not classed as 'high risk' as I am 27 with no conditions that put me at high risk. I work for the NHS, but I am not front line. However, I am in regular contact with my grandma as we are very close and also spend a lot of time with my neighbours who are all 80+. I spend a lot of time with elderly people and would like to have the Covid vaccine. I have not had one since oct 2022 and so any protection has probably dwindled by now. I know it can't be free, but I can only find Covid vaccines for £99, something I just cannot afford. Could the Covid vaccine become more widely available even at a cost? I am paying £14.95 for the flu jab so why not the same cost as that.
Stafford	I believe that vaccinations are necessary. However, having information about how to or where to book an appointment. Maybe digital to allow appointments to be shared between GPs, Pharmacies and local sites. And you can choose a convenient place to do it.
Stafford	I fully support vaccination initiatives aimed at improving the health of all members of the community and protecting both myself and others.

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Stafford	I get every vaccination my GP or Hospital Consultant advises me to get. I DEFINITELY would not trust information on social media
Stafford	I had a major reaction to the Covid vaccine 2 years ago and ended up in A and E with extremely high BP and then 3 days later was taken to Stoke A and E by ambulance at midnight due to extremely high bp again despite the medication, which I have been on ever since. Am even scared to have the flu vaccine now
Stafford	I have always found being vaccinated to be extremely beneficial.
Stafford	I have always found the vaccination programme in my area to be excellent with reminders and easy to get to appointments.
Stafford	I have been vaccinated since childhood. Vaccines have revolutionised child health over the years and current vaccines continue to protect us.
Stafford	I have concerns about the Covid vaccines, and wonder if they are still needed. But I'm not as vulnerable as others.
Stafford	I have never had a bad experience with any vaccinations and always have whatever is offered. However, I am really undecided about having a Covid booster and that's because there is so much negativity about it.
Stafford	I have reservations due to past adverse reactions
Stafford	I have no issue with getting vaccinated. I have had the flu jab every year since childhood. I was even on a Covid vaccine trial (Novavax) where I had no symptoms or other physical issues. However, when I had the boosters which was Pfizer, both times my arm
Stafford	I know it makes sense, but I'm disabled & I have heart liver & kidney issues If I was 100% no probs at all!
Stafford	I pay for a private flu vaccine from Boots each year as I do not want to have the severe effects of flu. Similarly, I pay for a COVID vaccine too for the same reason. I fully understand that there are criteria, but it would be good if the NHS would offer the vaccine at a cost to those who want it as the private providers appear to be able to charge what they want e.g. I am paying £82.00 for COVID vaccine!
Stafford	I prefer to go to pharmacy for vaccinations, because you get an individual appointment and get treated like a human being. Have had a GP practice run vaccination before. However, because of numbers involved, we had to queue outside in the rain, and it felt a bit like a cattle market. I also have had experience of having COVID and flu vaccination on same day. I experienced side effects with this, so ever since have had them separate. Would be useful if COVID vaccine eligibility was made clearer, as thought it was now over 75's only, but not sure.
Stafford	I struggle with severe anxiety due to schizophrenia, and I do not leave my house alone. I have to arrange for a family member to take me, and they have to travel to where I am. Sometimes getting appts arranged is too difficult and so I end up just not booking appts. Home visits would be a good move not just for those with mental health but those who are housebound for many reasons
Stafford	I think it is disappointing that my GP has no vaccines for flu until the end of next week, and I have to book again for then... what a waste of time. I shall try my local TESCO tomorrow.
Stafford	I used to have flu and Covid vaccines, they made me really poorly, so in the past few years did not have any.
Stafford	I would like more information about the vaccine before being administered.
Stafford	I would like to have a clear age 0-99 related table to know which vaccines I should have/could/can have. NHS info isn't always clear and being only able to ask receptionists at surgeries is t reliable.
Stafford	I would like to have every vaccine that I am eligible for. I am disappointed to find that I am not eligible for shingles or Covid vaccinations this year

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Stafford	I would never have a flu vaccine, I have seen too many side effects from it, however, I have no hesitation in having other vaccines.
Stafford	I would rather be vaccinated than sick.
Stafford	<p>I've been trying for the last 2 years to get my daughter her vaccinations and the school immunisation team have been awful to deal with no understanding of children with needs or parents with neurodivergent conditions who both child and parent require reasonable adjustments.</p> <p>My daughter's immunisations are so important but yet she can't have them through no fault of her own or mine in trying.</p> <p>All because I couldn't answer an arranged telephone call and the manager didn't care I was looking after my child and also have my own needs and couldn't get to the phone at the time and couldn't call back straight away as my reasonable adjustments had not been followed and they didn't follow up.</p> <p>So, for another year my daughter can't have her immunisation she should have had 2 years ago which is so important as it the cervical cancer vaccination.</p> <p>It's terrible that this day and age your still treated this way and the equality act 2010 seems to be totally unknown in the NHS services including the ICB</p>
Stafford	I've never had an issue with vaccinations, in terms of significant side effects. I feel frustrated with the high amount of misinformation being peddled about vaccinations
Stafford	If I'm not available on the dates of vaccination due to work I miss out.
Stafford	Invitations and the booking facility on the NHS app means that I never miss a vaccination . It's easy to use and still supports personal choice in selecting a date/time and venue that fits in with my day-to-day lifestyle.
Stafford	It can be hard to remove outer clothing & compression sleeve due to pain & dexterity struggles. Being given time & offered help to do this in private would be appreciated.
Stafford	It is such an important way to avoid ill health or death - why wouldn't people do it?
Stafford	It's great that we can have vaccines to keep ourselves and the population healthy
Stafford	Just need help because I'm disabled
Stafford	Keep up the good work
Stafford	Last time had a sore arm, not hurting just uncomfortable
Stafford	My experience has been ok and there haven't been any problems to date. The only thing I have been annoyed about is the shingles vaccination as previously mentioned. However, that is becoming pointless as I turn 70 next month and then I can have it.
Stafford	My GP practice has been, prompt and reliable in inviting me for vaccinations. The booking process via the NHS app is very straightforward. I have received reminders so I will be able to attend as arranged. Virtually faultless.
Stafford	No
Stafford	No
Stafford	No, I don't.
Stafford	No problem.
Stafford	No problems
Stafford	No problems went on Website and made mine/ husband's appointments
Stafford	Prefer ones that have been tried and tested over long period and side effects are well documented
Stafford	Protects myself also the wider community
Stafford	Set up specific vaccination. Clinics on a large-scale limiting Covid . To fill routine appts slots with vaccinations is not acceptable . Have a season vaccination team

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Stafford	Since having coronavirus jab by recommendation in 2020, within 12 months I suffered severe bowel cancer resulting in having part of my bowel removed. It took 3 months for results for results resulting in cancer spreading. 5 elderly relatives who also had jab have since died from cancer
Stafford	Since vaccination began I have had every vaccination up to this year, with various reactions. My decision to have no more stems from the fact that I'm unsure why I would, after so many, need yet another.
Stafford	Stop changing the criteria, it confuses patients as to whether or not they are eligible and leads to problems for us when they turn up at the pharmacy. If you want a significant uptake, make it free for everyone
Stafford	Surgeries should help those who are Old and not do things to suit themselves. Mum cannot walk very well after breaking her hip and although the surgery say they are concerned and will come out (the surgery is a long walk from the car park, up a hill with no parking nearby) they do not make appointments and just turn up on spec. I always thought that surgeries were supposed to help their patients but in 2025 apparently the BMA think it is our job to make life easier for them as they are so special.
Stafford	The Astra Zeneca Covid vaccine gave me myocarditis/atrial fibrillation and put me in hospital for weeks and on medication for life. The Moderna Covid booster has given my wife acute lymphoedema on the left side of her face. I accept they saved lives but am now wary of vaccines, especially new ones
Stafford	The information available is generally inadequate and appears to be purely based on information from the pharmaceutical companies. I do not believe that The GP's always take into consideration the side effects of the vaccines. However, I do understand that vaccination is critical in some instances. I am not anti-vaccine. There are just too many being offered without sufficient information being given
Stafford	The key issue in 2025 is that the confidence around the need and efficacy of getting appropriate vaccinations has been destroyed by the debacle that was "Covid". The noise about how good we were at developing a vaccination in approx. 100 days overshadowed the fundamental principles of only introducing a vaccination once all clinical trials had been conducted and all implications understood. The norm both before and since Covid is that vaccinations take years to go from inception to roll out to the populous. As a world population we are now suffering the clinical consequences of the Covid vaccines - long Covid as just one example. Add to this the continued social media / fake news stance about anything from MMR to now Tylenol (in the US) confidence in the need for and thus benefits of vaccination are so diluted. For successful immunisation programs to be undertaken the NHS et al need to address these concerns upfront and out loud.
Stafford	They keep me safe and I help keep others safe by not spreading infections
Stafford	Too many family members with vaccine damage since taking the Covid vaccination
Stafford	Vaccination is a life saver . it should be promoted at every opportunity and the anti vax messages should be given no space . much clearer PRO vaccination messages should be given
Stafford	Vaccine injections cause more problems than they solve. Is this by design?
Stafford	Vaccines on the whole are a lottery from the day you are born. The Covid vaccine killed more people than it protected. There is no help for people with vaccine injuries which I find disgusting. A better understanding of who is injured needs to be introduced from GPs through to consultants, many of which are too frightened to help or don't have enough knowledge

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Stafford	Wanting a Covid vaccine because I have young children and a high stress job that it's difficult to miss time through sickness, but it costs £100 because I don't qualify for any discounts
Stafford	We had several Covid vaccinations, and I don't want to get more and more. Relatives had a bad reaction to it.
Stafford	Why no Covid jabs for under age 75. Those with copd asthma
Stafford	With false information coming from social media and being endorsed by the likes Mr Trump I'm concerned that public opinion towards vaccines could be jeopardised. I believe we need to see more advertising campaigns etc around getting vaccinated.
Stafford	Yeah, think it's a good idea to be vaccinated ,especially flu jab at this time of the year.
Stafford	Your GP should get to decide which you are eligible for. Because my condition is not classed as immuno suppressed I don't qualify but because of my 28 health conditions when I got Covid it took my 6 months to recover. I need the vaccine but can't get it.
Staffordshire Moorlands	Consider it essential for my age group and health conditions
Staffordshire Moorlands	Covid vaccine should be for over 70's not only over 75's
Staffordshire Moorlands	Don't like dual vaccinations or combined covid/flu myself and several family members have been ill after but not when delivered separately
Staffordshire Moorlands	Every time in the past since my asplenia I have suffered with symptoms of the vaccinated (flu jab) condition. Due to studying biotechnology and having extensive knowledge about biology I do not see great benefits due to my body has no "training grounds" for my white blood cells to retain response to the vaccinated condition.
Staffordshire Moorlands	Feel I've had enough Covid vaccines, and I've never had the flu, so I tend to see it as a low priority
Staffordshire Moorlands	Get emails telling me I'm 'probably' eligible for Covid jabs, not easy to work out if you are or aren't.
Staffordshire Moorlands	Getting vaccinated gives me and my family peace of mind.
Staffordshire Moorlands	Getting vaccinated has never bothered me but during Covid I was sent here there and everywhere if Covid came back would prefer getting vaccinated at my doctor's surgery if possible
Staffordshire Moorlands	Had a bad reaction to my first Covid injection and I carry epi pens. Flu jab makes me ill for days
Staffordshire Moorlands	Had vaccines in Dec 2023 for flu and Covid, then caught flu and Covid causing pneumonia, heart attack, heart failure and now ptsd
Staffordshire Moorlands	I always get all vaccines that I'm eligible for. However, appointments are not easy to get when working full time in a job, that doesn't allow for flexible working hours.
Staffordshire Moorlands	I always have the vaccinations I am offered. The NHS website is useful for info about vaccines.
Staffordshire Moorlands	I always have whatever vaccine is required to protect me from whatever virus is prevalent in the community. E.G. Covid, Flu
Staffordshire Moorlands	I am disappointed that I am not eligible to have the COVID vaccine. I am 72
Staffordshire Moorlands	I believe in being vaccinated myself but there seems so be an issue with developing herd immunity for children's illnesses. The current communication

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	system is not working and needs a rethink. Better communication is required. I have not seen any poster
Staffordshire Moorlands	I believe the COVID vaccine should be more widely available. I was told to shield in the pandemic and now apparently will be fine. I've just had COVID even with an autumn vaccine and was very ill for two weeks, and unable to function correctly for several more weeks. I'm a lone parent and this made life impossible for me. Make it more widely available for free to allow people to choose how ill they get and to slow the spread. Have tighter controls on information available about vaccines and rules around the spread of misinformation.
Staffordshire Moorlands	I don't believe vaccines should be forced. I feel if you don't have certain vaccines, you are looked down on my health professionals. During pregnancy I feel health professionals can become pushy and guilt you into having things you aren't entirely happy to have in the first place.
Staffordshire Moorlands	I find it quick and painless
Staffordshire Moorlands	I get the flu vaccine every year through my employment. It's on site so easy to access at a time that suits me.
Staffordshire Moorlands	I had a bout of severe headache, nausea and diarrhoea after my 'flu jab last year but it only lasted 24 hours, better than a week of 'flu.
Staffordshire Moorlands	I have always been vaccinated when necessary as I wish to be healthy.
Staffordshire Moorlands	I have had many many vaccines before and after kidney transplant but after a reaction following Covid vaccine in April 24 I will not have another one regardless. Happy to have flu vaccine and any others recommended by Renal Consultant.
Staffordshire Moorlands	I have never had any problems and appreciate the opportunity to keep myself as healthy as possible.
Staffordshire Moorlands	I have only had good vaccinations in the past.
Staffordshire Moorlands	I have only had one bad experience of side effects. However, I think the overall benefit outweighs the risk.
Staffordshire Moorlands	I regularly have the flu injections because I believe they are beneficial to me. I was told that there were 2 shingles vaccinations (initial and booster...after 6 months...I had the initial jab over a year ago. I have not had the booster) I have concerns about the motives and side effects of the Covid jabs
Staffordshire Moorlands	I think most my generation just get the jabs regardless. I went to sea when I was sixteen and did forty-nine years at sea and have had so many jabs in my life without any side effects. That I have nothing bad to say. I have never had Covid so either lucky
Staffordshire Moorlands	I think you need professional, well organised sessions. I think generally people don't like waiting. When it's mass vaccination we've all seen evidence of bad practice. That stays in your memory.
Staffordshire Moorlands	I tried to get a Covid booster but the rules on eligibility have changed this year. That could be more publicly advertised
Staffordshire Moorlands	I would have liked a Covid vaccination but was a year too young. The age for Covid vaccinations should be lower.
Staffordshire Moorlands	I'm in favour of getting vaccinated to keep me healthy.
Staffordshire Moorlands	I've had everyone up to this time where I'm no longer eligible. I would have it as family are at risk

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Staffordshire Moorlands	If you live with someone who is eligible for a vaccine, for example the Flu vaccine it would seem to make sense for you to be able to be vaccinated as well to ensure the risk is reduced for the person who is eligible
Staffordshire Moorlands	I'm always really grateful to be offered vaccinations and always take them up, thank you.
Staffordshire Moorlands	insufficient testing by private companies. W.H.O. possibly has a hidden agenda
Staffordshire Moorlands	It should be more widely available for people with chronic conditions such as fibromyalgia.
Staffordshire Moorlands	It will be interesting to see the effects of the government decision not to give Covid vaccine to the under 75s this year.
Staffordshire Moorlands	It would be easier if I and my husband (I am his carer) could be invited for annual jabs at the same time, rather than going by age, he is in a different age category than me.
Staffordshire Moorlands	It's a massive benefit. As a child I had measles, chicken pox, German measles and whooping cough. None were nice but Whooping Cough was 4 weeks of hell. My children and grandchildren are spared all this.
Staffordshire Moorlands	Just hope it helps ,
Staffordshire Moorlands	Just need more clarity as to who and when we are eligible for which vaccines.
Staffordshire Moorlands	No comments.
Staffordshire Moorlands	No.
Staffordshire Moorlands	No. All good
Staffordshire Moorlands	None other than not being able to have COVID at my GP ,so have to go somewhere else .
Staffordshire Moorlands	Still not enough information on Covid vac safety
Staffordshire Moorlands	The autumn 2025 COVID roll out has been confusing as to who is eligible and the criteria has changed significantly but the medical conditions themselves are not listed. I am a carer for my elderly mum and also have MS - the first and second time I had COVID I was sent anti-viral but this year I have been told that I am not eligible. The flu vaccination at our GP surgery was very efficient which I have had.
Staffordshire Moorlands	The pharmacy booking system works really well with the time slots etc., Cuts back on waiting around for ages .
Staffordshire Moorlands	Too many requests to get the COVID vaccine
Staffordshire Moorlands	Too much social media reporting bad things. No longer have faith in News agencies and politicians they are proving to be covering up bad reports and no longer report the truth. Most friends of my age believe the government and by extension the authorities
Staffordshire Moorlands	Vaccination is crucial to keep the population healthy. We all need to do our bit by getting the vaccines that are offered by the NHS.
Staffordshire Moorlands	Vaccination saves lives
Staffordshire Moorlands	Vaccine programme saves lives

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Staffordshire Moorlands	Vaccines help to protect the community and stop the spread of disease
Staffordshire Moorlands	Vaccines should not be combined; you should have a choice if you do not want any of them. I would prefer to make my own decision based on actual data, this is the age of information, we can see reviews on any goods or services, why not on healthcare.
Stoke-on-Trent	Adequate population vaccination is essential to modern day disease control. As an immunosuppressed person it is an essential part of my health care. What frustrates me is the lack of understanding by the population and also that people who live with me are not eligible for vaccines. The NHS should do more educating with clearly understandable data and evidence to support vaccination.
Stoke-on-Trent	After falling ill last year post-vaccine, I am unsure of its effectiveness.
Stoke-on-Trent	Age restrictions on the shingles vaccine are annoying. As I have had shingles twice already, I would have the vaccine, but I am unable to have the vaccine until I am 70yrs old because I was already 65 the year before the start date. There should be more flexibility available.
Stoke-on-Trent	Always been a very smooth process - no issues
Stoke-on-Trent	As I am international student came from Sri Lanka, the medical practice and system are different, greater guidance or any advising links are much appreciated about the vaccine process
Stoke-on-Trent	Being vaccinated is essential and I have known people who have died unvaccinated with COVID I am a supporter of vaccinations
Stoke-on-Trent	Covid has affected most people's view and are extreme yes or no, on them. Sadly, I feel I do question the needs for but also don't want the side effects I had after the only 2 Covid jabs I had as a single full time carer I need to be well and also worry about side effects for my children.
Stoke-on-Trent	Depends on which vaccine - Covid vaccine was a waste of time as my sister managed okay without it and I had the vaccine and it had a significantly negative effect on me as well as my mum. Flu vaccine is worth getting though as I'm tired of getting up ill
Stoke-on-Trent	Disappointed to have missed Covid protection this winter. I am 75 on 2 Feb so just miss out. Private vaccination too costly for widows.
Stoke-on-Trent	Funnelling a large volume of people into poorly ventilated rooms with unmasked vaccinators when seasonal viruses are circulating runs counter to promoting the reason for vaccination in the first place!
Stoke-on-Trent	Getting vaccinated not only protects ourselves but our loved ones, friends and of course, the wider community we work and live in.
Stoke-on-Trent	Got no problem with vaccines except the COVID. If I get the flu jab not sure I need the COVID jab as well as similar symptoms as the flu virus. I only have it as it's free and look after my dad.
Stoke-on-Trent	Hasn't stopped my husband catching Covid 4 times and kidney function hit every time. Poorly each time. Not sure it really helps now
Stoke-on-Trent	Have lots of health issues and struggle with medication and vaccines I get so sick
Stoke-on-Trent	Have received every vaccine I have been eligible for without hesitation or side effects.
Stoke-on-Trent	Hear foolish comments about autism etc.
Stoke-on-Trent	I always get my vaccinations. No bad reactions, just achy arm sometimes. It is important for everyone to get vaccinated to protect themselves and to protect vulnerable people.

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Stoke-on-Trent	I always get the flu vaccine even though I have to pay for it as it has stopped me getting so many illnesses in the past.
Stoke-on-Trent	I always get vaccinated when it's recommended to me from a reliable source. I've never had any issues from being vaccinated and believe that everyone who can have vaccinations should get them to protect themselves and others. This will not only help them to avoid illness or worse but also keep doctor's surgeries and hospitals freer.
Stoke-on-Trent	I always have a vaccination which I am eligible for.
Stoke-on-Trent	I always take up the vaccinations offered and welcome the protection they offer to me and my family. I think there should be 3 options to q5 as I would also believe a pharmacist
Stoke-on-Trent	I am classed as vulnerable I have had all my vaccinations I have, and flu jabs I am no suffering from Covid for the third time and just started my antiviral tablets my symptoms have not been too bad, but I've had all my jabs, so I think if I hadn't had them
Stoke-on-Trent	I am high risk and will always take the vaccines until I am told by my doctors that I shouldn't. The vaccines are worth any risk or any side effects.
Stoke-on-Trent	I am old enough to remember times before vaccination and the fear of illnesses that can now be avoided
Stoke-on-Trent	I am over 80 with medical conditions including being immunosuppressed. Need all the help I can get. Worked in the NHS - trust the system
Stoke-on-Trent	I am scared of having a COVID jab this year as it made me quite ill last year .
Stoke-on-Trent	I believe that a lot if the vaccine offered are not necessary
Stoke-on-Trent	I believe that we should all be vaccinated (where appropriate), not just to protect ourselves, but also to protect others.
Stoke-on-Trent	I believe vaccines are safe generally. It is however essential that clear information is provided regarding the benefits and risks of them and a clear explanation of the evidence for this.
Stoke-on-Trent	I consider vaccines are the most effective way to prevent many infectious diseases and are a significant benefit to individuals and public health . We are fortunate in the UK that vaccinations are readily available to those that need them.
Stoke-on-Trent	I don't mind needles, but I do mind what is in the vaccine due to allergies of many drugs apart from what is offered routinely for flu and Covid.
Stoke-on-Trent	I don't know there going term side effects.
Stoke-on-Trent	I feel people don't understand what life would be like without vaccinations. Early death due to flu and childhood illness. I had months when I could not visit my Gran in the 60's because children are incubators for viruses.
Stoke-on-Trent	I feel that with the rise of "fake" news that the information must come from a trusted source
Stoke-on-Trent	I felt they are essential to keep me and the population healthy
Stoke-on-Trent	I have a phobia of needles and pain so I do worry when I need a vaccination that it will hurt. I think for me personally I would prefer to have it done at home. I currently use Mounjaro which has helped with my fear, but I do also wonder if there could be a way to vaccinate yourself?
Stoke-on-Trent	I have had all vaccinations offered to me and never had a bad reaction and I prefer prevention rather than cure
Stoke-on-Trent	I have no problem with vaccination however I have concerns regarding over-vaccination. For example, I prefer not to have flu and Covid vaccines at the same time as I feel that is too much for my immune system to manage at the concurrently. I also feel concerned regarding the increasing number of vaccines

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	that are being promoted for children. Happy for them to be vaccinated for the really serious diseases like measles mumps etc but to vaccinate for chicken pox, Is that really necessary. Maybe some of these vaccines for children needs to be spread out more. But I would like to see a vaccine for norovirus becoming available in the future. I also have concerns about the amount of people who refuse vaccination for their children. Because clearly, we are losing herd immunity, and I wonder if there ought to be better vaccination campaigns targeted the parents of young children, on TV, social media and sent direct to parents to underline the importance of well children being vaccinated to protect those who are at risk.
Stoke-on-Trent	I like to receive all my vaccinations including flu jab Covid jabs all been very successful in keeping me in good health
Stoke-on-Trent	I personally have never had any side effects from any vaccinations. I also have never had Covid.
Stoke-on-Trent	I take any opportunity for vaccinations the only thing that would affect my ability is that I'm not always able to get out of the house due to having ME/CFS flare up of symptoms.
Stoke-on-Trent	I think given the situation with CDC guidance changing in the USA which has worldwide media discussion and the head of reform saying almost that there 'is no smoke without fire' a local media and social media campaign around vaccinations etc would be very useful. I'm also picking up issues around cultural issues for vaccine hesitancy fuelled by fears from Covid, and confusion regarding ethnicity and ethnic variations and side effects
Stoke-on-Trent	I think it is the duty of everyone to be vaccinated so that the whole community can be protected from any new or repeated viruses . Only people with special reasons for not taking it especially medical ones should be exempt. With the advances of science producing these vaccines we should be grateful to these people as they are the ones who are keeping us healthier for longer. This is proven by the disappearance of lots of the killer viruses that used to claim people's lives only 100 years ago.
Stoke-on-Trent	I think it's crucial to vaccinate children
Stoke-on-Trent	I usually have vaccinations done by the Practice Nurse at my GP Surgery. She is very professional and answers any questions or queries I have. Clinics always run to time. It only takes a few minutes, and the vaccination is done.
Stoke-on-Trent	I was so glad when the COVID vaccines became available and will be glad to have one every year
Stoke-on-Trent	I will get the next Flu vaccine but not the next Covid19. I feel that the covid19 vaccines that I have had in the past made my heart condition much worse, more symptomatic and more severe symptoms.
Stoke-on-Trent	I would have a different approach if I was a person with lots of health issues. I believe in supplements exercise and eating well. I don't get ill very often so don't want flu or COVID vaccines
Stoke-on-Trent	I would like to get vaccinated, but I have heard from other people with MS we are no longer eligible
Stoke-on-Trent	I would take any vaccine recommended by NHS, GP Surgery or my pharmacist.
Stoke-on-Trent	I'm 63 - vaccination has protected me from a number of infections throughout my lifetime to date. Provided that there's evidence that vaccination is safe and effective, I've no objections to further vaccination.
Stoke-on-Trent	I'm of the opinion that big pharma is the main factor behind universal vaccination, change my mind

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Stoke-on-Trent	I've no concerns, but the negativity on social media is a risk to public health, not sure how you tackle that though
Stoke-on-Trent	If I am advised to have a vaccine by my surgery, then I will have it. Very grateful.
Stoke-on-Trent	If the surgery know that they are going to be short of staff, why not offer two injections at the same appointment? E.g. flu and shingles instead of cancelling then going back three weeks latter !
Stoke-on-Trent	Information should be provided as to how vaccine have been developed/tested/efficiency and adverse effects etc. Also how to report adverse effects.
Stoke-on-Trent	It is according to which vaccine you are talking about. I have never had or want a flu vaccine while I do not have any underlining health issues. I was offered shingles and other if I went to Port Vale. I did not want to go to Port Vale!
Stoke-on-Trent	It's a no brainer. Get them done and feel protected.
Stoke-on-Trent	It's usually a very quick easy process. I always have reminders to do so and also am sent recommendations according to what is recommended for my safety and wellbeing, but I also really wish that other people would also heed any recommendations for the benefit of everyone else who needs herd immunity or particular protection. I also wish people were better informed about risks and to have accurate information about the date they are. It may enable them to be vaccinated when it can help to eradicate the presence of particular very nasty diseases and prevent them from spreading. If people realised that in getting vaccinated, they would also be protecting their families and older or infirm relatives, they might be more likely to do so.
Stoke-on-Trent	I've never had Covid or flu so they must work
Stoke-on-Trent	Just need to be sent an appointment for shingles vaccination at accessible venue close by. No information about Covid Winter vaccine for over 70s received. Have appointment for flu vaccine to attend shortly which is good.
Stoke-on-Trent	Last vaccinations (Covid & flu together) 2024. Pharmacy was akin to a cattle market. No organisation, walk ins were seen before those with appointments, not enough space or seating. At least 15 people were waiting in an extremely small pharmacy, also where prescription and general customers were waiting. Total shambles
Stoke-on-Trent	Like to hear of other people's experiences of having or not having vaccinations, whether they are good, bad, indifferent
Stoke-on-Trent	No further comments to make, I am fully in favour of vaccinations.
Stoke-on-Trent	No nothing as vaccines readily available at work or at the GP.
Stoke-on-Trent	No problems
Stoke-on-Trent	No problems at all. Would like to have had a Covid vaccine though.
Stoke-on-Trent	No, we are lucky it's free.
Stoke-on-Trent	None
Stoke-on-Trent	None
Stoke-on-Trent	None
Stoke-on-Trent	None
Stoke-on-Trent	Not always that clear about what you're eligible for. Last year told not eligible for flu, then GP text to say spare doses. Had I already paid I'd feel a bit aggrieved. This year occ health offered flu jab which I am about to get, but nothing about Covid
Stoke-on-Trent	Only would have the ones I choose based on available evidence.
Stoke-on-Trent	Out of all the boosters I've had I had 2 bad reactions which were not at all pleasant.

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Stoke-on-Trent	PH & some autoimmune diseases are rare, I was fortunate to have good health until recently. I know a number of people whom, since the Covid vaccine have been diagnosed with autoimmune conditions & albeit rare a neighbour with potential PH, I would be curious to know if there maybe a link to the Covid vaccine and an increase in autoimmune disease and PH.
Stoke-on-Trent	Saves lives!
Stoke-on-Trent	Should be clear giving sufficient dates
Stoke-on-Trent	Since herd immunity is critical in the success of many vaccination programs it would be useful to get away from the current Anti Vax culture and the spread of misinformation. Sadly, there is no cure for stupidity.
Stoke-on-Trent	So far - I have had no problems after having all of the Covid vaccinations and always the flu jab.
Stoke-on-Trent	The absence or very rare incidence of the likes of TB, polio, whooping cough, measles etc shows to me that it is important to take up vaccinations that are available.
Stoke-on-Trent	The NHS has stopped COVID vaccination for most people. This is a false economy!
Stoke-on-Trent	To be honest I've never had a bad experience with any injection. I don't like them. But it never stops me from getting them. Especially as I am classed as extremely vulnerable
Stoke-on-Trent	Unable to get Covid vaccine as not over 75 according to my gp, I am 66 so 9n this occasion age is a barrier
Stoke-on-Trent	Unfair distribution of Shingles vaccine
Stoke-on-Trent	Usually quick and convenient, but often seems a bit late, get Covid just before jabs are due
Stoke-on-Trent	Vaccination is essential to limit spread of diseases.
Stoke-on-Trent	Vaccination programmes benefit individuals and the wider community. We need to strive to improve put to reduce the risks of serious outbreaks of infectious and diseases.
Stoke-on-Trent	Vaccinations should always be taken to keep everyone fit and well.
Stoke-on-Trent	Vaccinations should not be forced on anyone. I will choose which ones I require and which ones I do not wish to have, and this should be respected.
Stoke-on-Trent	Vast majority of vaccines are safe. Efficacy isn't always as good, and I'd like better vaccines
Stoke-on-Trent	Whole process is currently well handled - via a simple process.
Stoke-on-Trent	Will most likely have flu jab but no more COVID as they keep telling us it's a different strain so vaccine of no use rely on my own immune system
Tamworth	A wonderful service that I believe is well managed.
Tamworth	Covid vaccine and big pharmacy very concerned about spike in cancers
Tamworth	Having more information on the vaccines available and eligibility
Tamworth	I never know what vaccinations I'm supposed to have.
Tamworth	I once had an appointment for a flu jab at my GP's. When I arrived there was a long queue outside of the building several hundred metres long which wasn't moving quickly. Not only was I unable to wait to then keep my appointment (which would have been breached anyway) but I was concerned about those with poor mobility or who were immunosuppressed standing in outside in all weathers. The yearly flu jabs would be better administered in the same community spaces as had been used for COVID injections
Tamworth	I think it is important that there is accessible and clear information about the risks and benefits to vaccines. There should be provision of support for people to be able to access vaccines to enable more uptake of vaccines. GP's and

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	pharmacies are providing available appointments which is great for local communities
Tamworth	I'm not particularly interested in flu or Covid. Might have been more acceptable if the NHS got the right flu vaccine as its usually the wrong variant. People are suffering vaccine fatigue, myself included. We're told our areas are infected yet we never hear of anyone catching anything. Side effects are also a turn off.
Tamworth	It's almost impossible if you're housebound
Tamworth	Need convenient locations and times
Tamworth	No problems with vaccinations, science proves they are beneficial. Not getting vaccinated, unless there are medical reasons for not doing so, can be more harmful to the population as a whole in my belief.
Tamworth	No.
Tamworth	None whatsoever, I believe vaccines are good and necessary to keep us healthy.
Tamworth	No-one is sure of flu strain anyway. Not willing to risk other jab because of possible side effects.
Tamworth	Only had good experiences
Tamworth	Personally, I have been fortunate with both Community venues and the Manufacturer of vaccines for which I am grateful However, I have considerable experience and knowledge of several others who have suffered profound impacts
Tamworth	Please explain the SHINGLES decision I am 66 and cannot have it until I am 70. But I was not informed on my 65th birthday or the 360 plus remaining days until my 66th that I was eligible for it.
Tamworth	Quite happy to be vaccinated
Tamworth	Strongly believe in vaccination. Will have whatever is advised despite experiencing severe side effects for some recent vaccinations....shingles being the worst: joint pain and stiffness, gastrointestinal sickness lasting 4 days.
Tamworth	We had our vaccine but still had Covid so not convinced they are any good.
Tamworth	You doing very good job. Thank you

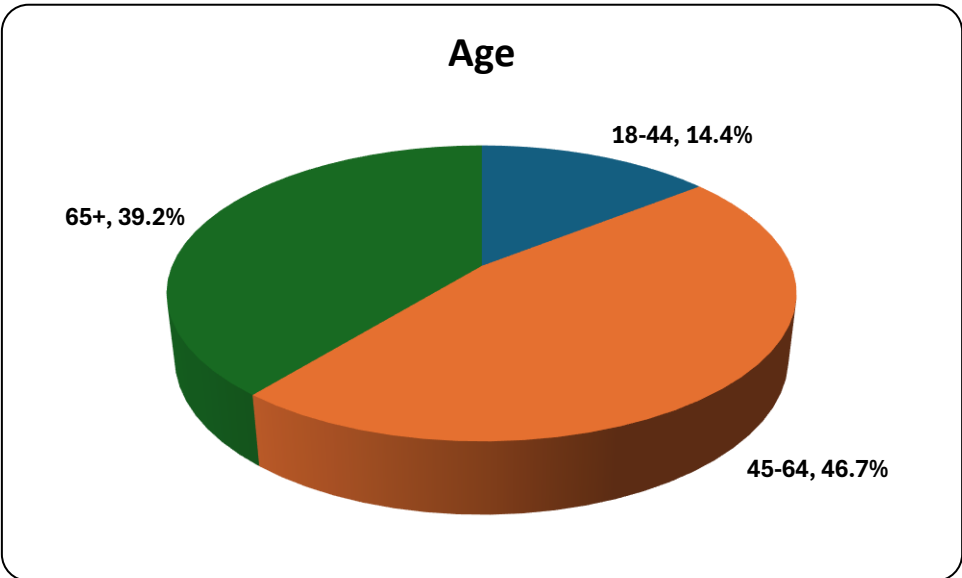
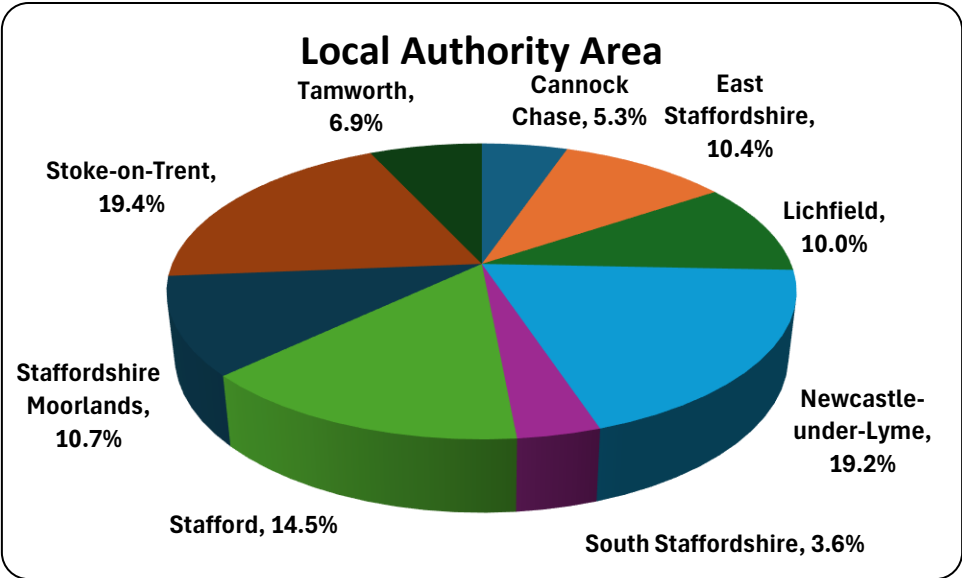
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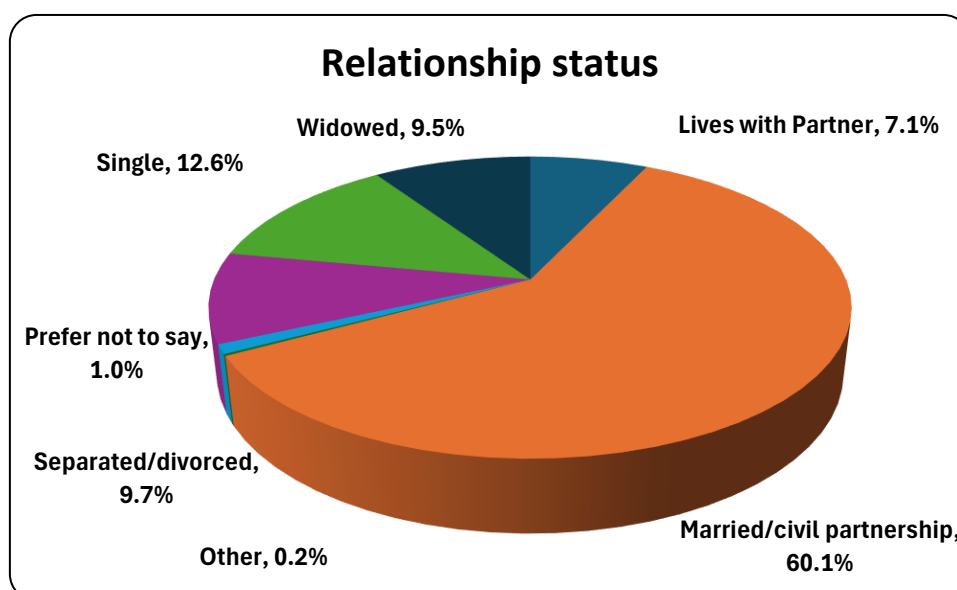
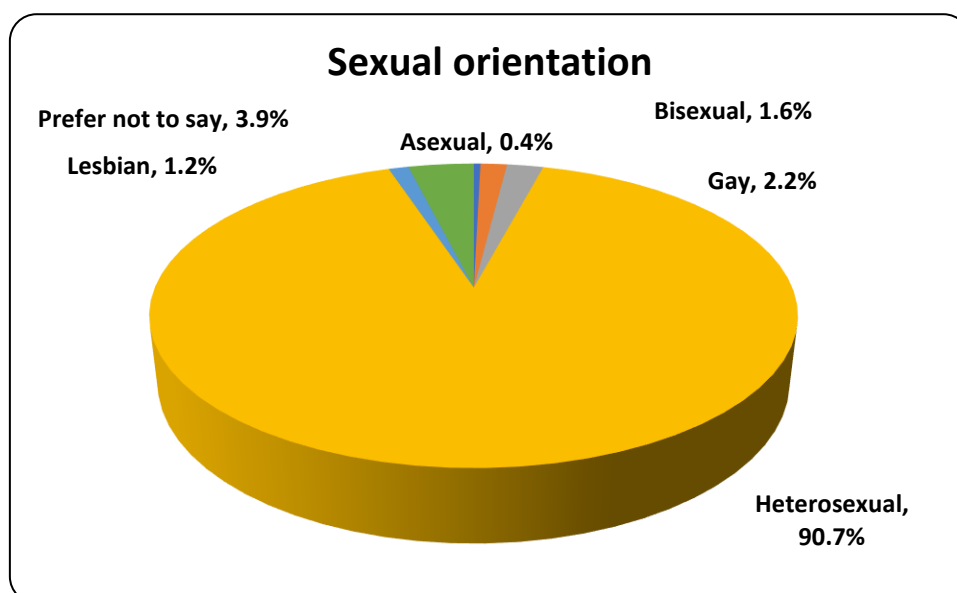
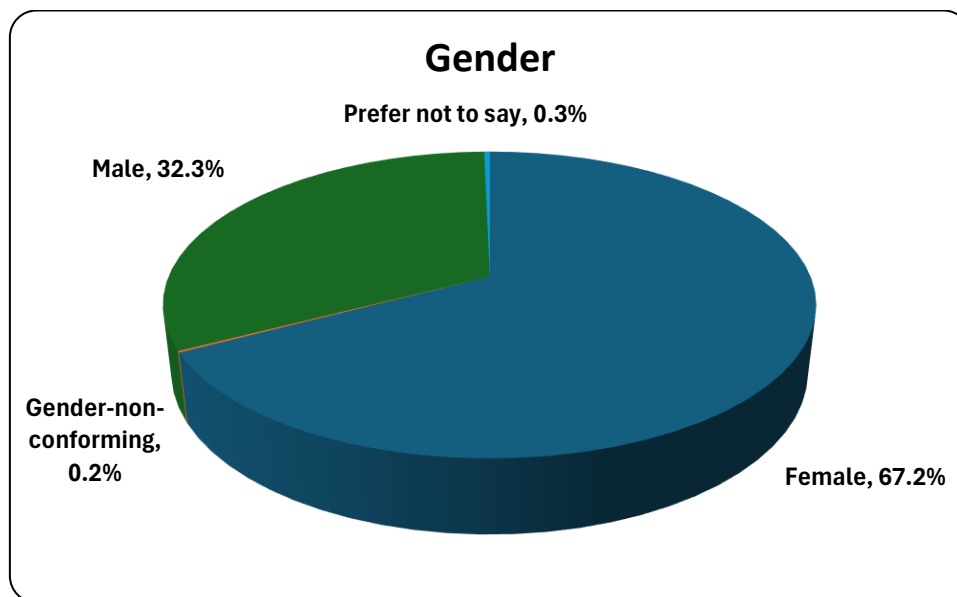


Demographics of the People’s Panel are broadly representative of the profile for Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent (ONS 2021 Census data for Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent). ¹

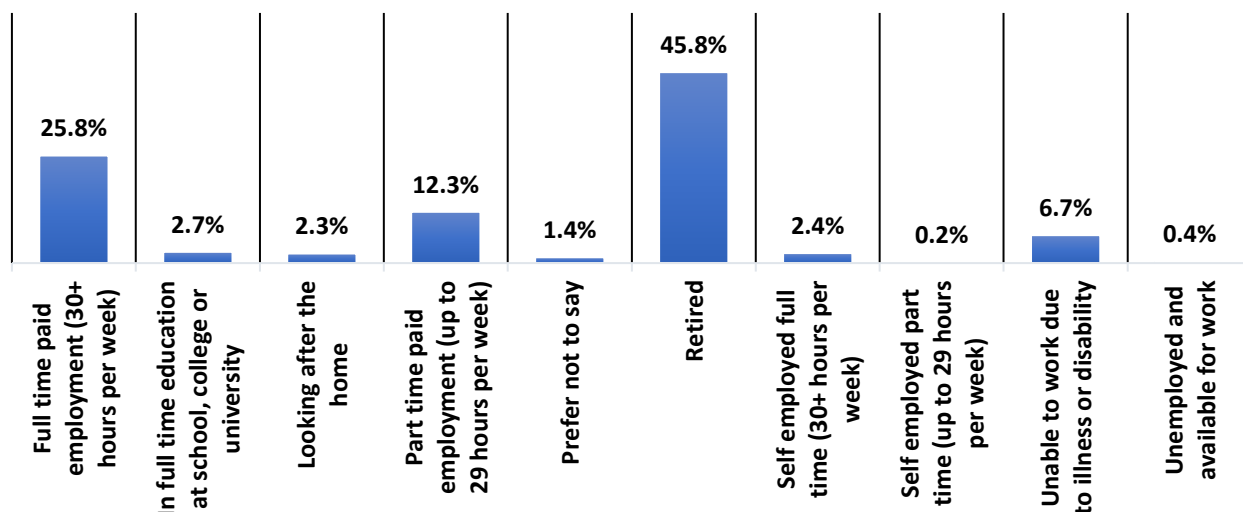
Breakdown of the 885 panel members who responded to the survey.



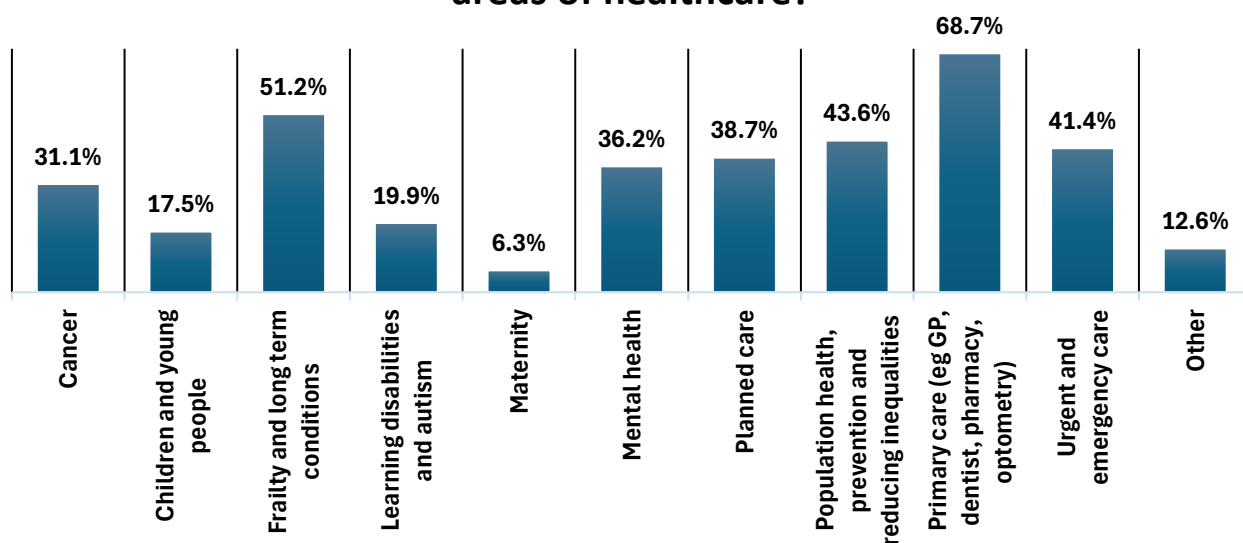
¹ Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent have separate ONS Census data
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Employment status



Do you have a special interest in any of the following areas of healthcare?



Special interest data is for members signing up to the panel from June 2023. Respondents could select more than one area of interest

