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Dear Alan Brown,

Thank you for your correspondence on the 22nd of February 2021 regarding COVID-19 vaccinations.

You originally submitted this request as a Freedom of Information request. We do not consider this to be a Freedom of Information request as you have not asked for any release of information held by the Scottish Government on a specific issue but rather what our future intentions might be should our policy on vaccinations change.

Given your request relates to future changes we have provided the below answer to set out how we base our decision making and the current plans for vaccinations of different groups in society.

All of our decision making in the approach to responding to Covid-19 is guided by the latest scientific evidence from the Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies ([SAGE](#)), advice from Health Protection Scotland and our Chief Medical Officer. The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) provides advice on immunisation to all UK Health Departments, including on the efficacy and safety of vaccines.

The JCVI does not recommend any of the currently approved vaccines for use for anyone under the age of 16. As such, our vaccination program will not be offering vaccinations to those 16 years of age or under. There will be no contact with school pupils or their parents regarding vaccination, as vaccines will not be offered to school pupils.

The Scottish Government have been planning on this basis but stand ready to adapt our plans should

JCVI advice change.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Mitchell
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