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Re: Freedom of Information Request - Booster jabs and allergies

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on the 26th November 2021.

You Asked for:

I am writing from the Anaphylaxis Campaign, the only UK wide charity operating solely for the growing numbers of people at risk from severe allergic reactions and anaphylaxis.

We operate a helpline service and in recent weeks have been receiving an unprecedented volume of calls from people with complex severe allergy histories who were advised that they could only receive the Astra Zeneca vaccine for their first and second doses and are now very concerned at being called to have a Pfizer booster vaccine.

Whilst the Pfizer or Moderna is the preferred booster choice (and some of these patients can now have this), the JCVI have said that Astra Zeneca can be considered for use as a booster in complex allergy patients, whom [Green Book](#) guidance currently advises should not have Pfizer/Moderna without prior specialist allergy advice.

Feedback to our helpline has been that patients are finding it extremely difficult to get any information about how to book Astra Zeneca as a booster.

We are writing to you to ask if you can provide us with information about how your area is meeting the needs of this patient group and ensuring that they are given the right advice and are able to access an Astra Zeneca booster vaccination. We urgently need this information so we can give the correct guidance to callers to our helpline.

Our Response:

All Wirral vaccination sites have been provided with the updated guidance around COVID-19 boosters for people who have allergies.

If it was identified that a Wirral resident required the AstraZeneca vaccine for their booster, we have a number of sites where they can be vaccinated. The process of booking the appointment should be managed by their GP practice or Primary Care Network (PCN) team.

We hope this information is useful, however, if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Corporate Affairs Team, (contact details at the top of this letter).

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