

P-05-1116 Prioritise people with a learning disability to be vaccinated against COVID-19 in Wales

This petition was submitted by John Gillibrand, having collected a total of 1,913 signatures.

Text of Petition:

With the big news that there's a COVID vaccine that's been approved and the rollout will soon begin – it's crucial we get this right. The current list of who will get inoculated first does not prioritize people with learning disabilities – even though they're SIX TIMES more likely to die of coronavirus according to Public Health England (Wales stats are yet to be published). Even worse, those with learning disabilities between 18 and 34 are 30 times more likely to die.

Additional Information:

I've started this petition for learning disabled people to be included in the priority list because I'm scared for my son. He's a young adult living in full time care – if the coronavirus were to get into the care home, it could be devastating for him, and others with learning disabilities he lives with, and across the UK.

We need to make sure this group is protected and I want to see a more prioritised vaccination list – taking into account those with higher mortality rates from COVID19.

Older people should be vaccinated first, but people, like my son, who are at a high risk from the virus are only sixth on the list – surely we need a more targeted strategy as the rollout begins?

Please sign my petition so that people with learning disabilities aren't forgotten as we see a light at the end of the tunnel.

Senedd Constituency and Region

- Gower
- South Wales West