



Social care jab 'fudge' too late for tens of thousands sick with worry

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The Government's social care vaccine 'fudge' has caused unnecessary stress and worry for tens of thousands of carers, says GMB Union.

Rachel Harrison, GMB National Officer, said:

"GMB has been calling on the Government to reverse their appalling decision to force vaccination on social care key workers from the start.

"We warned it could cause a mass exodus in a sector already facing a 170,000 staffing black hole.

"Now, at the eleventh hour, they've fudged it. It's cowardly, incompetent and inhumane."

"More than 90% of social care workers have had their first vaccine - yet Ministers were pushing ahead despite calls for them to do more to address vaccine hesitancy amongst workers in the sector.

"While today's guidance will provide clarity for some - it's also come far too late in the day for carers who have spent months sick with stress, and many care workers will still be left worrying about being sacked."