



Meet Bob

Bob was invited for his COVID vaccine but HATES injections. His carers went through the [easyread information](#) and showed him the [You Tube](#) question and answer video. Bob does not like busy places but Bob loves Minions. Bob's carers told the GP practice that he will need reasonable adjustments for his vaccine. He would need a quiet room and would need to be distracted so he can't see the needle. The learning disability nurse made a box for Bob to put his arm through. It had minions on the box. Plans were made in advance by the GP practice with the vaccine centre, so they were prepared for him.

Bob saw an experienced clinician at the end of the day. The clinician assessed that Bob did not have capacity to consent to the vaccination. Therefore, this was a best interest decision to get the best outcome in the least restrictive way possible using reasonable adjustments. They took him in a quiet room. He wore headphones and listened to his favourite music and he put his arm through the box decorated with Minions. Bob was vaccinated.



- Please consider how you invite the patients on your learning disability register for their COVID19 vaccine
- Please ask about reasonable adjustments
- Please consider how you can plan ahead for these patients – **see the reasonable adjustment guide attached.**
- Please consider how the information gathered on reasonable adjustments can be shared with the vaccination site?
- Please consider whether all of your patients on your learning disability register have the correct read codes for severity of learning disability and/or any additional risk factors they may have so that they don't miss out on being invited at phase 6 if they meet the JCVI requirement.
- Consider contacting the Purple Star Team and the Community Learning Disability Nurses for any advice or helping with your planning for vaccination of this hard to reach group.
ldnursereferrals@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Additional tools

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/media-library/documents/coronavirus/acs-letters-and-faqs/covid-vaccine-easy-read-v1.pdf>

<https://booksbeyondwords.co.uk/coping-with-coronavirus>

<https://youtu.be/M3Wh23PDnfE>

<https://www.challengingbehaviour.org.uk/learning-disability-assets/covid19vaccine13.pdf>