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OPEN LETTER

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Dear Mr Sanders,

RE: COVID-19 VACCINATION UPTAKE & BOOSTER JABS

It is fair to say that the local efforts to get people vaccinated here in Northamptonshire have been nothing short of extraordinary and I am hugely grateful to everyone who has played their part locally. I would be grateful if you would please again relay my sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone in your team and on the frontline who is actively involved in delivering on this massive undertaking.

Clearly, whilst uptake levels are very encouraging, there is still some way to go and it is in that vein that I write today, not least because a number of my constituents in Corby have written to me raising their concerns about a couple of specific issues.

First, I would be keen for an update as to what early plans are being made to deliver booster jabs this winter for elderly and vulnerable residents. I understand that this is a key part of the strategy as we head into the winter months and am keen to be able to provide reassurance around the plans for this.

Second, the issue of vaccination uptake amongst difficult to reach groups has been raised. It would seem to me that the 'pop-up vaccination' sites in public places have been successful and I myself was delighted to have my second dose at one in Corby a few weeks ago, which was brilliantly organised and very convenient. I wonder, therefore, what thought has been given to organising further such opportunities, including at large employment sites and educational establishments, perhaps utilising the help of trusted community leaders to try and allay any vaccine hesitancy reservations? I am aware that this approach has been successful elsewhere and would be keen to hear your thoughts and any associated plans.



In closing, may I say a huge 'thank you' once more to you and your team for everything you have, and continue to do, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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