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The Update

The latest news and announcements from Derbyshire UNISON

COVID vaccinations

UNISON says measure will do more harm than good



Compulsory jabs guidance is confusing and risks driving staff away

Commenting on government guidance that staff and volunteers in care homes must be fully vaccinated unless exempt, UNISON head of business and community Donna Rowe-Merriman said:

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"Yet again the government is creating confusion where clarity is thousands of care staff. This illneeded. Staff still don't know if they're exempt, which is causing anxiety and prompting concerns they'll lose their jobs.

"Care employers don't want compulsory vaccinations, nor do unions. Ministers should be listening to them instead of imposing coercive measures.

"This draconian approach will do more harm than good in a sector already short of thousands and advised approach risks driving much-needed staff away."