

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA260721-9193

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Dear ██████████

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 23 July 2021. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

*I wondered if you could send me the article about the COVID19 vaccine *not* being compulsory. It seems to now be unpublished - which I find quite interesting. The article was originally published here: <https://www.london.gov.uk/coronavirus/coronavirus-covid-19-faqs/will-vaccine-be-compulsory>*

Our response to your request is as follows:

I can confirm that the GLA does hold the requested information.

The web page in question was published on 15 January and unpublished on 22 July. When you originally wrote in requesting this information on 23 July, several FAQs were unpublished in coordination with the lifting of Covid restrictions on the 19 July. Since then, you may have seen that all the FAQs were taken down last week as part of a larger site refresh, as we will be developing separate information pages on several key COVID areas such as vaccines, testing and face coverings. This will be in addition to the already accessible information that can be found on the government website. Please bear with us while we finalise the new content to ensure it reflects the most up to date guidance and government advice.

Please find below the information we hold within the scope of your request.

Will the vaccine be compulsory?

The UK government has confirmed that vaccine **will not be** compulsory. In UK law there are no vaccines that are mandatory.

The vaccine is an important way to help end the pandemic, safeguard our most vulnerable, and protect ourselves, our families and communities. When making your decision about the vaccine, you should read the information provided to you by the NHS and other reliable sources and if you are unsure, talk to those you trust such as friends or family when making your decision.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA260721-9193.

Yours sincerely



Information Governance Officer

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<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/freedom-information>