

Public Spaces Protection Order 2023

Vaccination Centres

On 22nd May 2023 the Council made a 3 year Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) to prevent harassment, intimidation, and impediment. On the same day, an Expedited PSPO to prevent harassment, intimidation and impediment was discharged.

PROHIBITIONS

The PSPO prohibits the following behaviours in the area outside an open Covid-19 vaccination clinic.

- Interfering or attempting to interfere, in any way, with a staff member, volunteer or service user of the clinic;
- Intimidating, impeding, or harassing, or attempting to intimidate, impede or harass, a staff member, volunteer, or service users of the clinic;
- Shouting, using amplification equipment to convey messages or play any recorded messages related to the disapproval of issues related to Covid-19 vaccinations, or
- Displaying or distributing any signage, text or images relating directly or indirectly to the disapproval of Covid-19 vaccinations.

REQUIREMENTS

- If an Authorised Person or Constable suspects a person of breaching the PSPO they may be asked to leave the area around the Clinic until the Clinic ends and not return to the area for 24 hours.
- Upon a request from an Authorised Person or Constable a person shall remove from display any signage, text or images directly or indirectly related to the disapproval of Covid-19 vaccinations. Such signage, text or images shall not be displayed again whilst the Clinic is open.
- A person who an Authorised Person or Constable suspects of breaching this Order shall, upon request, provide their name, address, and date of birth to that Authorised Person or Constable.

Breach of this Order is a Criminal Offence. You could be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice (£100), arrested, prosecuted in court and if found guilty sentenced to a fine of up to £1000.

A full copy of this Order can be found at:

<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/pspo/vaccination-centres>