

This is an **Easy Read letter**



about how you can help to check the safety of the coronavirus vaccines.



This work is being done by an organisation called MHRA or the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency.



The job of the **MHRA** is to make sure that all **medicines and vaccines** used all over **the UK** are safe and effective.



When you have the coronavirus vaccine



you are less likely to get seriously ill from **coronavirus**.



We are asking people from **across the UK** to help us.



When you get **invited** to get a **coronavirus vaccine** we want to hear from you.



We want to know how you are feeling after you have the coronavirus vaccine.



We want to get in touch with you a **few times** over a number of months to check how you are.



You **do not** have to take part in this programme if you do not want to.



You can still have your **coronavirus vaccine** if you do not take part.



Why do we need to know about side effects?



Like all medicines, **vaccines** can cause side effects:



• most are not serious



• most only last for a short time.



Not everyone gets **side effects** when they have a vaccine.



Many people have already had a **coronavirus vaccine** and they are safe and effective.



We will know more about **side effects** when lots of people have
had a **coronavirus vaccine**



and they can tell us how they feel **after** they get the vaccine.



What happens to the information about side-effects?



A team of **safety experts** will look at all the information they get about possible **side effects**.



The **safety experts** include:

pharmacists



scientists



doctors.



The experts look at medical information from all over the **world**.



They make sure that all **vaccines** carry on keeping people healthy and well.



How can you help?



You can register on the **MHRA** website before you have your **coronavirus vaccine**.



If you need help to register, or you have any questions, please call our customer service team for **free** on **0800 731 6789**



or email <u>yellow.card@mhra.gov.uk</u>.



You can tell the customer service team if you have a learning disability or you are autistic.



Search for:

'Yellow Card Vaccine Monitor'.



After you register, you will be contacted a few times by email or text to check how you are.



You will be asked to go back on to the **MHRA website** to give your update.



You will be sent a link to get back onto the website.



Please make sure the link you have been sent is:

https://vaccinemonitoryellowcard.mhra.gov.uk/



Please keep a note of the **type** of vaccine you have and the batch number.



You can ask the person who gives you the **coronavirus vaccine** to help you with this information.



It should also be on the **record card** that you are given after your injection.



Please read the information you are given when you have your **coronavirus vaccine**.



It explains the **side effects** that we know about.



Thank you for helping us make sure the **coronavirus vaccine** is safe for everyone.

