

## **For the attention of haematology teams and GPs**

### **Blood cancer patients need to know that the covid vaccine may not work for them**

Research so far suggests that the covid vaccines may not work for everyone with blood cancer.

It is crucial that blood cancer patients are aware of this, so they do not put themselves at risk.

Blood Cancer UK is advising people with blood cancer to remain cautious and continue taking precautions even after both vaccine doses, until we learn more.

This is a difficult but important message for patients to hear. Understandably, patients are struggling to make decisions when they don't know how protected they are by the vaccine.

To support conversations with your patients about this, here are some helpful resources you could share or talk through with them:

Covid vaccine efficacy and blood cancer:

[bloodcancer.org.uk/vaccine-efficacy](https://bloodcancer.org.uk/vaccine-efficacy)

Coping with risk and uncertainty as lockdown eases:

[bloodcancer.org.uk/coping-risk](https://bloodcancer.org.uk/coping-risk)

Blood Cancer UK Support Line: free and confidential support for people with blood cancer on **0808 2080 888** | [support@bloodcancer.org.uk](mailto:support@bloodcancer.org.uk)

Blood Cancer UK is leading the research into covid vaccine efficacy in people with different types of blood cancer, through the Vaccine Research Collaborative. The links above are continually updated as we get more data.

More about the research: [bloodcancer.org.uk/vaccines](https://bloodcancer.org.uk/vaccines)