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**From:** Private Individual  
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**Q1** I look forward to your prompt response detailing precisely what steps you and your organisation will be taking to fulfil your ethical and legal obligations to ensure patient submission to Covid vaccination is given with free, voluntary, and fully informed consent.

**A1** If a patient books an appointment for their vaccine on the National Booking System, they are asked to consent at the same time. We do not have any involvement in this.

When a patient turns up on the day, without prebooking, they are given an age-appropriate information leaflet. If they are under 12 or not deemed able to consent for themselves, their parent or legal guardian is asked to sign a paper consent form. They will also have risks and benefits explained to them appropriately, and informed of any possible side effects, by the vaccinating practitioner.

On the National Immunisation Management System (NIMS) or National Immunisation & Vaccination System (NIVS) recording systems, we select that another person is consenting on their behalf. We then record who that person is, their relationship to the child/person, and whether they are a parent or legal guardian or otherwise.