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Dear Mr Malone,

Reuters Fact Check investigates instances of false or misleading claims made online.

We are looking into comments you made during a broadcast with GB News ([here](#)), including:

- You do not regard the vaccines as safe particularly in children.
- The risk-benefit ratio is completely upside down for children.
- More children will die from these vaccines than will be saved, the data are quite clear.

We have received some expert responses to your claims, including from the UK's MHRA. These comments include:

- To date there have been over 3.5 million vaccinations administered to under 18s (in the UK). No new safety concerns have been identified following use in children since the introduction of the COVID-19 vaccines in both UK and international COVID-19 vaccination programmes and the vaccines remain safe and effective to use in this population.
- No new vaccine for children would have been approved unless the expected standards of safety, quality and effectiveness have been met.
- The only established risk (of COVID-19 vaccines) for youth is the myocarditis risk that is primarily to young men.
- There is no evidence of pediatric deaths caused by vaccines, or even evidence that myocarditis in youth is leading to much serious disease or long-term problems.
- Data is clear that the risk of death or severe disease with COVID infection for children and teens is very small, especially if they don't have a pre-existing risk condition. So it is understandable why people question the risk benefit of vaccination to children.
- COVID-19 presents a substantial risk of harm to at least a small proportion of children, in particular those with underlying conditions and in rare cases children have sadly died. Moreover the burden of long-term effects from COVID-19 in children — including rare but serious cases of inflammatory syndrome as well as long COVID — remains unclear.

We would like to give you the opportunity to respond to these comments. Is there anything additional you would like to add?

Thank you for your time – and appreciate any response you might be able provide on this.

All best,

Reuters' fact-checking team

