

# Vaccine Rapid Survey Results



# Survey Questions

1. Why do you think you are being asked to get the COVID-19 vaccine?
2. Have you had the COVID-19 vaccine?
3. If you have had the COVID-19 vaccine: what motivated you to be vaccinated? (If you have not had the vaccine please write N/A and answer the next question).
4. If you have not had the COVID-19 vaccine: please let us know if you have not had your vaccine for any of the following reasons (please select as many as you think apply to you):
5. Any other reason – please tell us more
6. If you have not had the vaccine: are there any reasons why you might choose to have it? (If you have had the vaccine please write N/A)

# Results and key messages

# Vaccination uptake

- 92% (n = 245) of respondents have had either their 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or booster dose
- 8% (n = 21) of respondents have not had their COVID-19 vaccine
  - Uptake of vaccination from this survey is higher than Birmingham average (67.5% uptake of at least 1 vaccine), may indicate a high survey uptake from internal colleagues/small reach to general public.

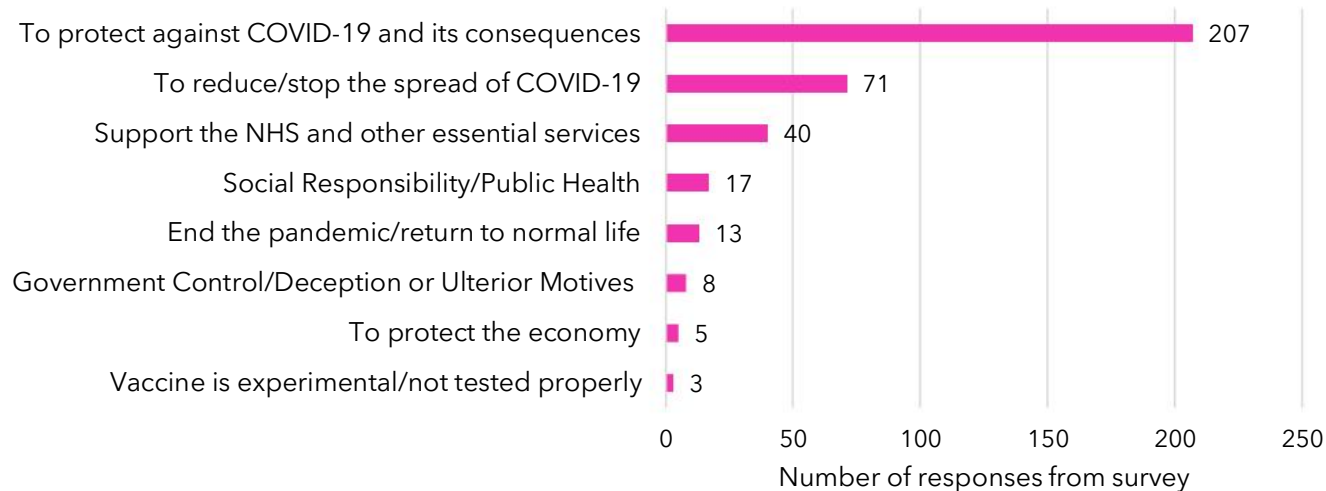


# Why do you think you are being asked to get the COVID-19 vaccine?

As many answers given were detailed some participants may have a response which falls under more than one code/category.

**Therefore all of the graphs represent the number of responses and not the number of participants.**

## Why are you being asked to get the COVID-19 vaccine?



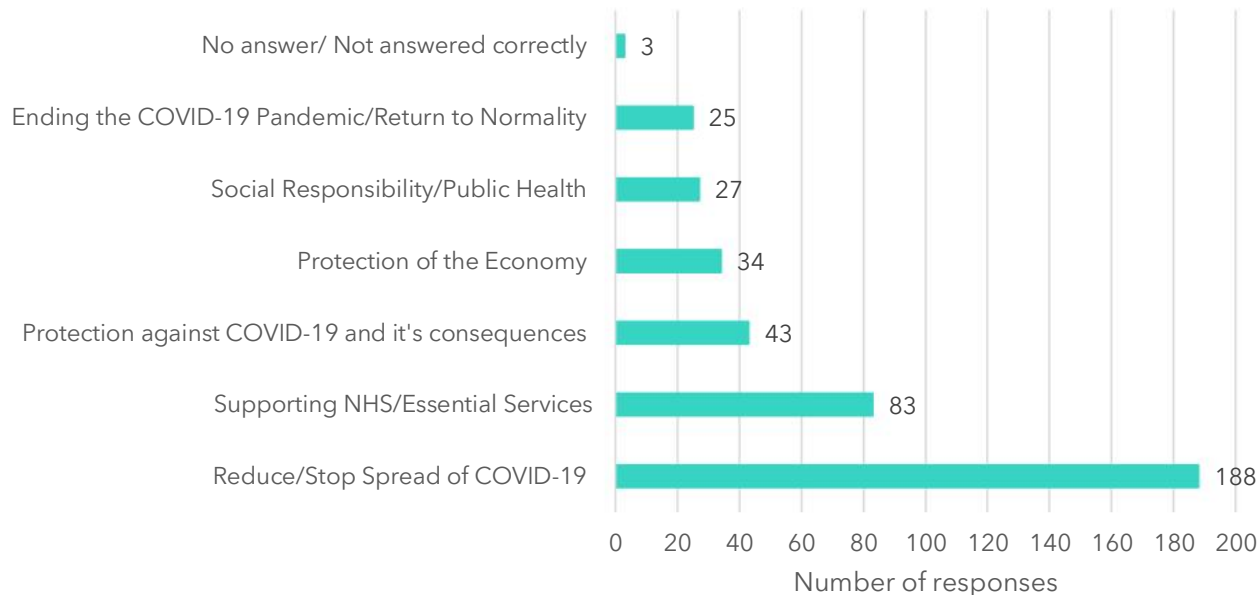
# Question 3 - What motivated you to get your vaccination?

Of the 245 participants who provided a response to this question, **26.5% (65) of answers included reference to personal factors as a main motivator.**

These responses typically cited protecting their elderly parents/vulnerable family members, partners, children or other loved ones as a motivation for vaccination.

3 participants discussed sadly losing a loved one to COVID-19 before the vaccine was available as a key motivator.

What motivated you to get vaccinated?



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To stop the spread of the virus and the vaccine will save numerous lives

**Stop the Spread of COVID-19**

**To support the NHS**

"Reducing my chances of being hospitalised if I did catch it, thereby protecting NHS staff and freeing up beds for routine and urgent non-Covid patients. Also to allow the economy to open up and for businesses, especially small ones to survive."

I wanted to do what I can to try to get everyday life back to some kind of normality.

**To end the COVID-19 pandemic/ return to normality**

**Motivators for vaccine acceptance**

**For protection against COVID-19 and its consequences**

Me and my family had been motivated from day one to be vaccinated to give us the best protection against the effects of Covid. Hopefully Covid would be more milder and prevent the need in being admitted to hospital for treatment.

"I didn't need motivating - it is incredibly smack-in-the-face obvious that taking the vaccine is the right thing to do."

**Social responsibility**

**To protect the economy**

"Also to allow the economy to open up and for businesses, especially small ones to survive."

# Survey comparison

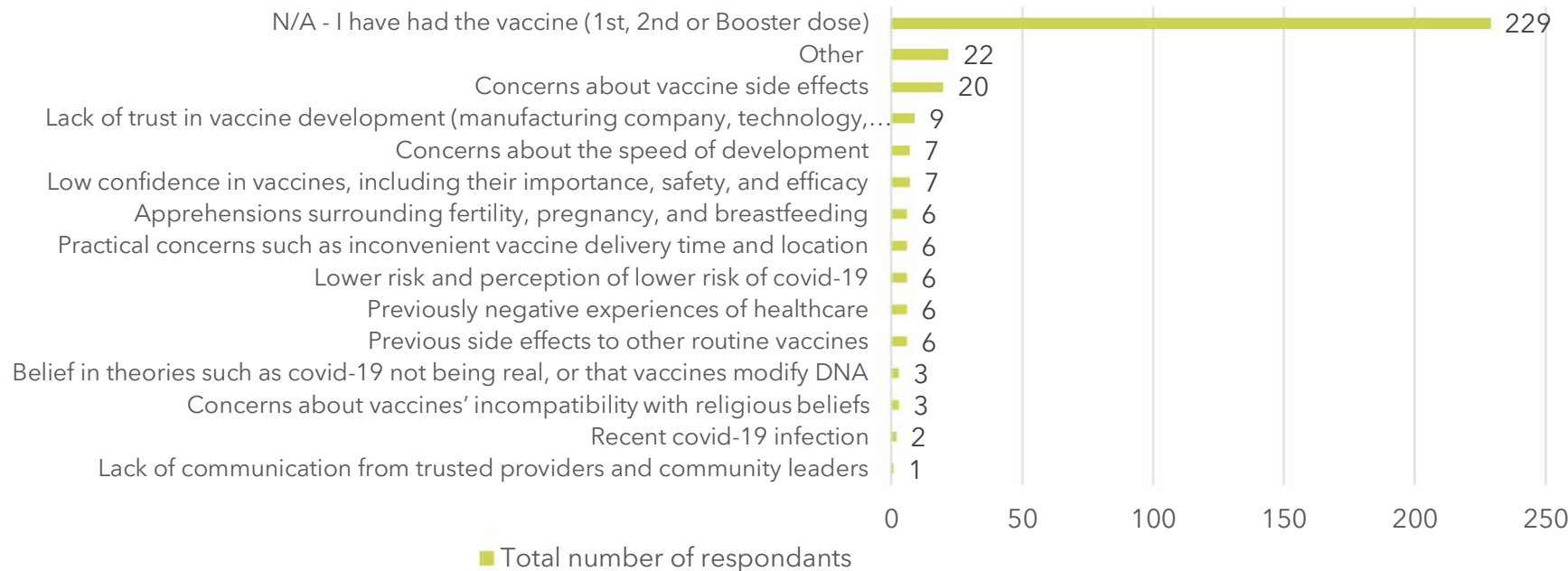
University of Wolverhampton: this study agrees with our studies findings. This study highlights similar reasons for vaccine uptake such as having it to protect themselves, their family and community (others) from COVID-19 and its consequences.

Participants in this study wished to go out and do things such as traveling and feel a sense of normality again, which is consistent with our results. Participants also reported seeing others who had COVID-19 which influenced their decision to have their vaccine.



## Q4. Vaccine Refusal Reasons

### Vaccine refusal reasons



*"The vaccinations appear to give a false sense of security."*

**Vaccine confidence**

**Autonomy**

*"I feel that the world is being forced to take a jab i.e. no jab no job, if I want the jab I will have it, if I don't want the jab for personal reasons. I can see a decline in there health, and I find it strange that all my colleges and a few family members who have had the jab have had covid19, yet I have not had a jab yet, since 2019 I have a had a dry cough that's it, I test myself daily as I haven't been jabbed and its always negative."*

**Responders to the survey said**

**Reasons for vaccine refusal**

**Side effects**

*"The serious side effects that relatives and friends have experienced, some being so serious they have not left hospital for six months due to having vaccine. These are not people on you tube these are people in my everyday life."*

*"My mother died after being perfectly healthy from multiple bloodclots within 2 weeks of having the Vaccine"*

**Blood Clot**

**Immunity**

*"The vaccine neither stops you from getting covid or spreading it. Those who have had it are still getting it and being seriously ill so I don't see why I should put an underdeveloped vaccine in its testing phase into my body."*

# Survey Comparison – Vaccine Refusal Reasons

- [Solutions4Health study](#): also cited lack of trust in the vaccine as one of the main reasons for vaccine refusal (23.1% of responses)
- [University of Wolverhampton](#) data was consistent with our results. Concerns around vaccine safety was one of the key highlights from this study which aligns with ours. Furthermore, respondents expressed that they were concerned about how quickly the vaccine had been developed and put off due to the lack of long-term evidence.
- [ONS data](#) similar to this survey: many participants cited safety of the vaccines development and long-term side effects as some of the most frequent reasons why participants were unwilling or uncertain about receiving a COVID-19 vaccine

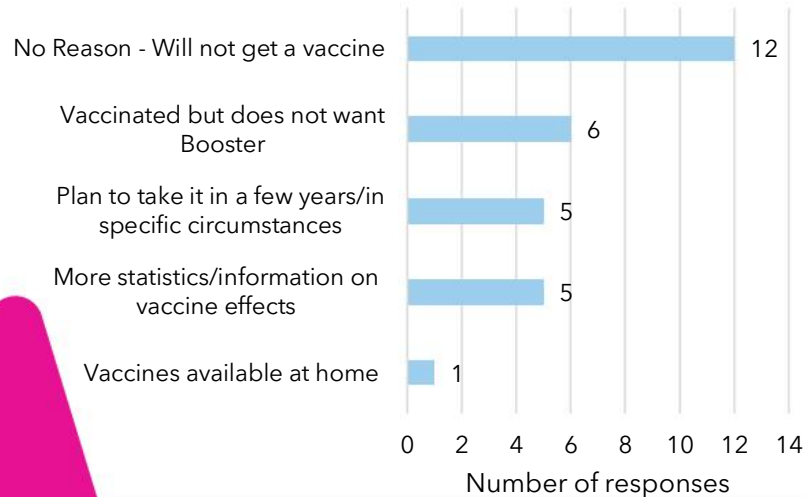
# Survey Comparison - Covid-19 vaccination hesitancy

- The findings of the current survey are consistent with the findings of the paper published by BMJ on COVID-19 vaccination hesitancy.
- Confidence in the importance of vaccines has the strongest association with vaccine uptake; however, confidence in the importance (necessity and value), safety, and effectiveness of vaccines fell in many countries between 2015 and 2019. A few drivers of low confidence are: Misinformation, disinformation, rumours, and conspiracy theories, in particular through social media and structural racism and previously unethical research involving some ethnic minority groups.
- Birmingham City Council have already been working on suggestions that are in the report such as: Offer tailored communication from trusted sources such as community representatives, healthcare providers, and local authorities that is culturally relevant and accessible in multiple languages; Improving access to vaccines and via community engagement.



# If you have not had the vaccine are there any reasons why you might choose to have it?

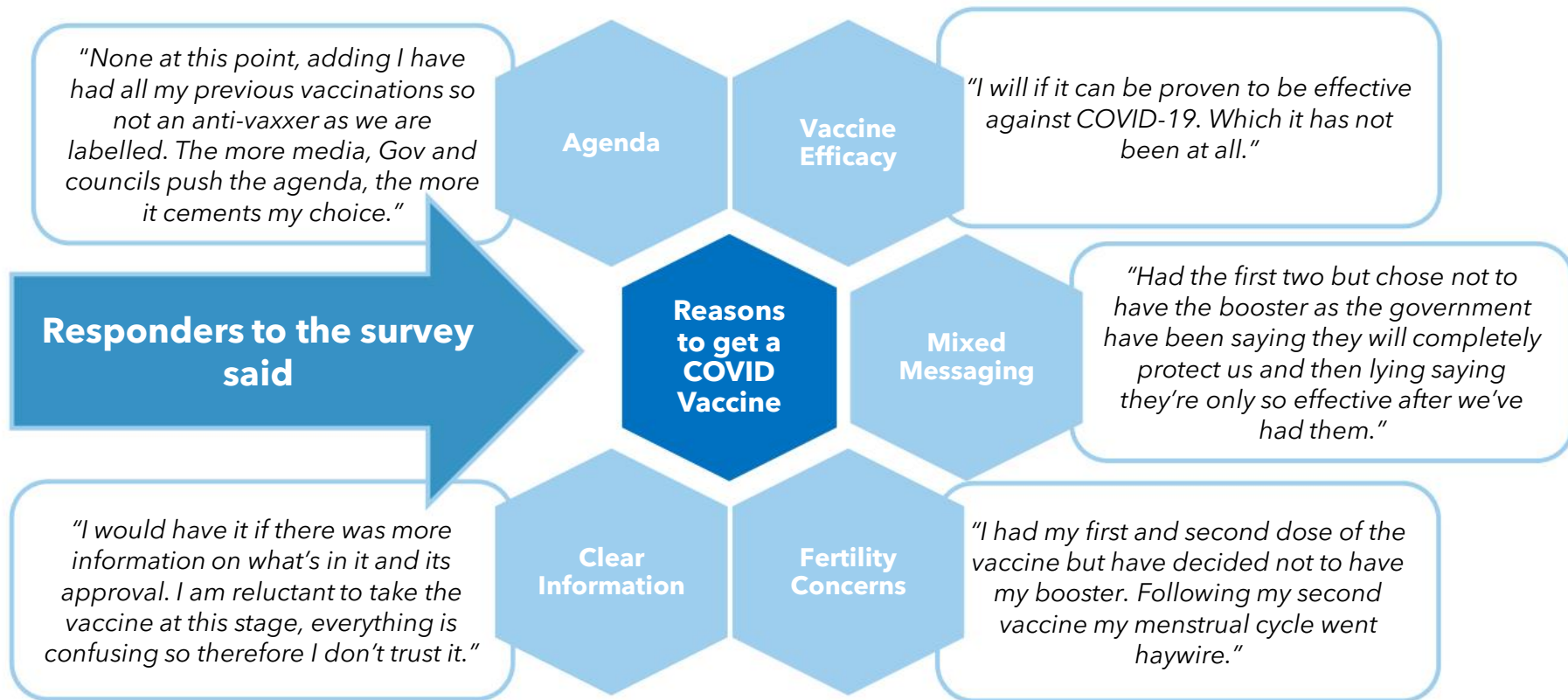
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## Survey comparisons:

- [Solutions4Health](#) - access to more vaccine information cited as main reason to change vaccine hesitancy. However this was closed question with only 4 options. This survey was full open ended here - may have seen more similarities if questions were more consistent between surveys.
- [University of Wolverhampton](#) - in this research study, many respondents revealed that nothing will change their mind, consistent with our results.

# Residents views on COVID-19 Messages



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