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Briefing

Chair

- Dr Kamran Abbasi – Patron, South Asian Health Foundation and Executive Editor, BMJ

Panellists

- Minister Nadhim Zahawi – Minister for Covid-19 Vaccine Deployment
- Dr Atiya Kamal – Senior Lecturer in Health Psychology, Birmingham City University
- Lilu Wheeler – Project Manager/Public Contributor for NIHR
- Professor Deenan Pillay – Professor of Virology, UCL
- Professor Kamlesh Khunti – Professor of Primary Care Diabetes and Vascular Medicine, Member of SAGE and Director of Centre for BME Health
- Dr Emily Lawson – National SRO, Vaccine Deployment, NHS England
- Dr Harpreet Sood – GP and SAHF Trustee

Objectives

1. Discuss key findings from SAGE report and U.K Government response to driving vaccine uptake in ethnic minority populations
2. What actions can be taken overcome barriers and how can we mobilise communities and engage at grassroot levels?
3. Sharing of innovative examples for community and faith leaders and healthcare professional to drive uptake in challenged areas.

Agenda

Time	Agenda Item
17.30-17.35	Dr Kamran Abbasi opening remarks and introducing panel members
17.35-17.45	Minister Zahawi opening statement: - Key updates on vaccine programme - Key issues identified on uptake of vaccine in ethnic minority groups - UK Government response in driving

	uptake in ethnic minority groups
17.45-17.50	Professor Kamlesh Khunti • Historical context of vaccine uptake • Findings from SAGE report
17.50-17.55	Dr Atiya Kamal • Key strategies in overcoming barriers in uptake of vaccine
17.55-18.00	Professor Deenan Pillay • Overview of vaccines • Dosing schedules • Variants and impact of vaccines
18.00-18.05	Lilu Wheeler • Examples of innovative community initiatives • Public view
18.05-18.10	Dr Emily Lawson • Current operations behind vaccine rollout • Access to vaccines including places of worship
18.10.18.15	Dr Harpreet Sood • Innovative community examples of driving vaccine uptake • National resources available
18.15-19.00	Dr Kamran Abassi to moderate Questions and Answers Discussion with panel members Close