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### MEDIA RELEASE

**The Scottish Police Federation represents all police officers in the ranks of constable, sergeant, inspector and chief inspector, police cadets and special constables; over 18,500 people, 98% of all police officers in Scotland.**

**To: News Editors**  
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**Subject: COVID-19 Vaccines for Police Officers**

Speaking in response to the First Minister's answer on Police Officer vaccines today, David Hamilton, Chair of the Scottish Police Federation said,

"Nobody disagrees with the approach of prioritizing vaccinations for the old and the vulnerable, or for frontline health and social care workers. But we all know that individuals, not in that cohort, are also being vaccinated as a consequence of the roles they are doing.

For the FM to airbrush that reality out of her earlier response has enraged Police Officers, many of whom continue to put themselves at personal risk on the public health frontline.

Their simple question is, where do those individuals who are Security guards, Undertakers, Religious leaders, Foodbank Volunteers, Volunteer Rescue teams or even Home workers, who are not in the priority cohort, fit on the JCVI list? There is no consistency in this policy and we are left wondering if the Scottish Government has lost control of its vaccination programme altogether."

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