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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.

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Subject: JCVI Phase 2

Speaking in response to the publication of the JCVI Phase 2 Guidance, David Hamilton Chair of the Scottish Police Federation said,

"The JCVI Guidance to not vaccinate Police as a sector is hugely disappointing to Scottish Officers.

Police officers are dealing with increasing non-compliance, increasing community risk and that is likely to get worse as those who are vaccinated are tempted to not follow regulations.

We have spoken with the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and have highlighted that those frontline officers on which this burden falls is the youngest part of our workforce and also that we are attending calls on behalf of partner agencies whose staff are both vaccinated and homeworking.

There has been no practical recognition of the risks that Police officers face and we hope that the Scottish Government will consider our submission along with the JCVI guidance in their decision making.

The Police are a 24/7/365 Emergency Service that is used to providing agile and fast responses therefore any suggestion then that this would delay the vaccination programme is misguided. If asked, we could provide 17,000 arms across the country tomorrow."

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