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Joint Letter from: **Children's Covid Vaccines Advisory Council (CCVAC)**
Doctors for Patients UK (DfPUK)
Health Advisory and Recovery Team (HART)
UK Medical Freedom Alliance (UKMFA)

To: **Dr Jeff James (CEO) and Dr Gillian Fairfield (Chair)**
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Cc: **Sue Ravenlaw, Football Association Head of Safeguarding**

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Dear Dr James and Dr Fairfield

Re: David James Cartland

Your reference: 01080290430

We wish to express our shock and disquiet that David Cartland has been placed on the Vulnerable Adults and Children's Barred Lists and urge you to reconsider your decision.

As you stated in your letter to Dr Cartland, you are aware that he had a previously unblemished medical record and, indeed, that he has committed no crime. Nor is there any evidence that he has harmed adult or paediatric patients.

Dr Cartland's inclusion on the register is in stark contrast to your website's statement that the purpose of the barring lists is *"to protect children and vulnerable adults from predatory and violent criminals... To end up on a barred list, the person must have committed a particularly serious crime that suggests that they will forever be a risk to children or vulnerable adults. The most common type of crimes that land people on a barred list are sexual offences or violence against children or vulnerable adults."* It is impossible to understand how a doctor who spoke out specifically to protect children and vulnerable adults could end up on your barred lists.

The first signatory on this letter, Dr Rosamond Jones, sent you a statement in November 2025 in support of Dr Cartland when he was first referred to you by the MPTS. Previous letters of support sent to the GMC in 2023 and again in 2024 were enclosed. Other doctors signing this letter have also written to you directly.

The evidence you cited against him was taken directly from the MPTS ruling. However, the hearing was a gross miscarriage of justice, with Dr Cartland's six witnesses disbarred and large sections of his own witness statement deemed inadmissible. It appears that the DBS has failed to make its own judgement on this case and the evidence, instead unquestioningly relying on the decision of another government body.

Dr Cartland first spoke out, alongside many of the signatories to this letter, when Covid vaccines were being unethically promoted to children and pregnant women. After multiple letters to the regulators were ignored, concerned doctors were left with no alternative but to speak out publicly, in line with the GMC's [Good Medical Practice](#) guidance to "*Act promptly if you think that patient safety or dignity may be seriously compromised.*"

Dr Cartland has raised concerns about the harms of the Covid vaccines alongside nearly 70,000 other signatories to the [Hope Accord](#). He is certainly not alone in raising concerns about this vaccine.

As stated in our previous letters, and from everything we have witnessed in our clinical practice or read in the published literature over the last five years, we believe that Dr Cartland has acted highly responsibly to speak out about Covid vaccine injuries. This was completely in line with his ethical duties as a doctor.

Dr Cartland acknowledged that he used some unfortunate language on X, but the evidence is clear that he was being deliberately targeted and goaded by online trolls. The encounters were in two directions, but this context was deemed inadmissible by the MPTS. Dr Cartland has received online death threats, including from a registered medical practitioner, and yet the GMC have no interest in investigating the harassment and threats against him. He has also reported these threats to the police. Even at his MPTS hearing, the trolls were allowed to watch the proceedings and publicly gloat over his discomfiture.

Coercion Invalidates Informed Consent

Your decision placed great importance on the MPTS finding item 9, that he had provided fraudulent vaccine exemption certificates, but this is not borne out by the facts. Dr Cartland never wrote any certificates. He only wrote truthful letters of support for five individuals, which contained NO untruthful evidence of any condition which would make them exempt. Moreover, it was acknowledged at the tribunal that the evidence of letters of exemption was obtained via 'entrapment' and would therefore not be admissible in a criminal court. No fraud occurred and no money was charged.

The letters provided by Dr Cartland simply expressed his view, shared by thousands of doctors, that vaccines (like all medical interventions) should only be given after obtaining fully informed consent. This view is supported by **the GMC's own guidance on [consent](#), that people who report being under coercion, or who choose not to take a medicine for any reason, could not give legally valid informed consent and were thus exempt.**

Doctors are Under a Legal and Professional Duty to Uphold Informed Consent

Of note, other doctors countersigned numerous [PROMIC exemption forms](#). Dr Cartland's action in providing a tiny number of letters of support was by no means unusual. The NHS itself has [forms](#) that allow opting out of vaccinations due to personal choice. Indeed, bodily autonomy and consent or refusal of medical treatment are included in human rights legislation. **For a doctor to acknowledge this and uphold informed consent is certainly not a safeguarding issue.**

Doctors have Professional Autonomy to Treat Patients outside NHS Guidelines

You also stated one of the reasons he is being included on the barred list is because he believed he was entitled to *'ignore and flout policies and protocols. . .'*. This is an extremely concerning statement. Policies and guidelines are there to help guide doctors to make decisions in their patients' best interest and are not binding. **Deciding to treat a patient outside an NHS guideline is not and never has been a safeguarding matter.**

No Evidence of Hostility towards LGBTQ+ Community

Another argument used to support your decision on barring was from MPTS item 8, stating that his actions were *"motivated by hostility towards the LGBTQ+ community"*. Again, no evidence of hostility was presented, and Dr Cartland has worked for decades in a hugely diverse NHS with no complaints. **The idea that his actions were motivated by hostility to the LGBTQ+ community was pure conjecture by one of the complainants and put forward by the GMC.**

Other Allegations

Regarding MPTS allegations 13-16, it is important to point out that Dr Cartland had named the practice which had refused to employ him, only because the same practice had been obliged to close their doors to patients for lack of any medical staff. He felt it important that patients were aware that the practice had rejected his application solely based on his Covid vaccine stance. **No personal details of the practice manager were revealed, and her name and work email address were publicly available on the practice website.**

Conclusion and Requests

Dr Cartland has not only lost his livelihood because of the GMC decision but now, with your totally disproportionate and unjust decision to place him on the barred lists, has also lost his place as a football referee. Despite refereeing, unlike coaching, not being a regulated activity, as it never involves unsupervised contact with children or vulnerable adults.

The FA have also told him that he cannot play adult football and even suggested he could be barred from being a spectator at junior matches. Football spectators are never screened for their DBS status, so this is clearly a cruel singling out of Dr Cartland for special punitive measures and cannot be allowed to happen.

The DBS decision is a complete travesty of justice against a highly experienced and ethical doctor with an exemplary record of patient care and is a gross overreaction. His language on X was legal and would have attracted no comment had he not been questioning the safety of the Covid vaccines.

We are aware that a **public [petition](#) in Dr Cartland's support has been signed by around 11,000 professionals and members of the public**, who are extremely concerned about his inclusion on the DBS list and are calling for accountability.

We, the undersigned, urge you to immediately reverse your decision. We fully support Dr Cartland in any appeal process.

Yours sincerely

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