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CHESTER, FEB 18<sup>TH</sup> 2021 - Jo and Frances Whiley have highlighted the problem many individuals with Cri du Chat Syndrome are having currently accessing Covid vaccinations for their loved ones and immediate support network.

Cri du Chat Support Group echoes Jo Whiley's comments regarding Covid Vaccinations

Those with a genetic disability have seen a disproportionate number of deaths due to Covid and we have to ask why. There is a significant underlying issue with regard to genetic and learning disabilities, health inequalities and access to health care. This pandemic has exposed these issues.

We therefore ask the government and the JCVI to urgently prioritise the vaccination of all those with a genetic and learning disability in an attempt to reduce any unnecessary harm to our families.

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## **About Us**

The Cri du Chat Support Group, established in 1991, is a registered UK charity providing support to those with, and the families of those with; Cri du Chat Syndrome. A completely voluntary ran organisation, we have previously provided grants for specialist equipment, respite opportunities and carer support. The Covid pandemic has seen our fundraising efforts decimated and all provided services withdrawn. Without the ability to apply for governmental support, our organisation runs the risk of closing in 2021, our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

More information can be found at our website www.criduchat.org.uk