

## Covid is back to being a socioeconomic lottery biased a...

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It's hard to believe that there is a Covid inquiry going on right now, one of whose major findings is bound to be that the way in which Covid was managed was heavily biased against the health interests of those on lower incomes in the UK as a whole. Why do I say that? Because right now, the same scenario is being played out all over again.

I [reported yesterday](#) that Covid vaccines were, inexplicably, not to be made available to those under the age of 65 this winter.

Today the [Guardian reports](#) a change in position:

### **Covid booster jabs to be approved for sale to UK public**

**Health officials support proposal for private provision of vaccines after age limit on NHS booster programme raised to 65**

Now vaccines are to be available, on sale. But not until 2024, by when a crisis may have already hit us. And remember the supposed miracle of AstraZeneca? That's disappeared from the mix now.

But let's look at the reality of this. The first is that we are clearly not prepared for the coming winter.

The second is that there is to be rationing.

Third, rationing is not to be based on need but on the ability to pay.

It looks like we will be needing another Covid inquiry sometime soon.