

Ludivine Caron in London

January 11, 2021 19h00 - 19h50

Vocabulary

Shot/jab: injection

Flat (UK): apartment

A difficult decision

Ludivine Caron is a young French woman who recently moved from Lille to London. She works in the centre of London for a small agency that does language translations. When she first arrived in London she was lonely and decided to join a rock climbing gym to meet more people.

As a result of the government restrictions imposed due to COVID, she is currently constrained to her tiny flat where she lives on her own. She cannot see her friends at the rock climbing gym and can't even go out for a coffee. Ludivine is beginning to feel very depressed and longs to be able to go back to Lille to see her friends and parents but she is not allowed to travel.

On Friday she received an official looking letter. It was from the National Health Service (NHS) inviting her to have a COVID vaccination. She does not know what to do as she has read a few articles on social media that claimed the vaccines might be dangerous. Should she go for the jab or wait a bit?

News article

Death of Florida doctor after receiving COVID-19 vaccine under investigation

KAREN WEINTRAUB | USA TODAY

A Florida doctor has died several weeks after receiving a COVID-19 vaccine, although it's not yet clear whether his death Monday was related to the shot he received on Dec. 18.

Dr. Gregory Michael, 56, an OB-GYN at Mount Sinai Medical Center in Miami Beach, died after suffering a hemorrhagic stroke apparently resulting from a lack of platelets.

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<https://eu.usatoday.com/story/news/health/2021/01/06/death-florida-doctor-following-pfizer-covid-19-vaccine-under-investigation-gregory-michael/6574414002/>

Questions for discussion

1. Are some French people sceptical about getting the COVID vaccine?
2. What coverage have you seen about the vaccine on social media, in newspapers or on television? Can you trust the media?
3. Do you have any concerns about getting the vaccine? What are those concerns?
4. Who should receive the vaccine as a priority?
5. Should children be vaccinated?

Dates des cours

	janvier	fevrier	mars
Intermédiaire / avancé lundi 19h00 - 19h50	11		

Dates, times and venues are subject to change.