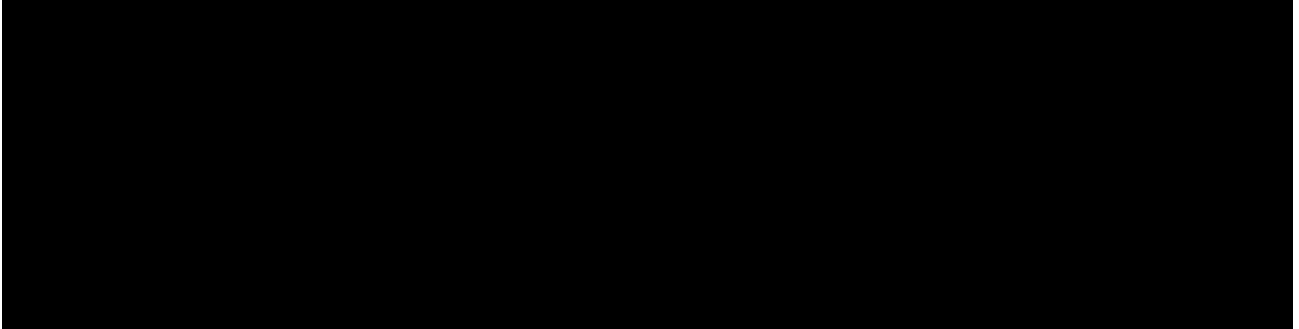


My name is [REDACTED]. I am a paramedic with [REDACTED] and have worked with this organisation for 24 years. I have worked at the referral department for the past 13 years where medicals calls are triaged to establish ongoing management. This submission is my own behalf, I do not speak for [REDACTED]

Consequences of fear mongering/the hidden victims.

Some anecdotes.



The accepted bigotry against the unvaccinated and the censoring of any criticism of the roll-out or questioning of side-effects.

I triaged [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] didn't fancy her chances of getting an exemption as there was such a pressure on doctors to push the vaccine.

I heard colleagues complaining of people calling with side effects saying, 'Of course they are going to get side effects.' Maybe so, but there was definitely a '*nothing to see here folks*,' attitude towards side effects, in stark contrast to an enthusiastic amplification of any negative effects from Covid.

I would hear triages of the unvaccinated and note a critical and judgemental approach that would not be tolerated with any other minority group. I do not blame my colleagues for this as they were only repeating the mantras being churned out by the government and the press. I felt that the government and media drove a campaign to sell the false narrative that Covid was a virus of the unvaccinated.

All staff at in my organisation were mandated to take the vaccine. Those who refused were quietly disappeared. Ironically all operational staff were expected to complete a learning unit in which it was reinforced that patients must never be coerced into taking a medication. The hypocrisy was almost comical. I was impressed by those that would not be coerced, and disappointed at the complete lack of support they received. I was shocked at how quickly a population could turn and decide that it was OK to remove one group that was now deemed unacceptable.

Through hundreds of triages I came to appreciate that the lock downs were hardest for those who were self-employed, those with young children, those living with mental illness (or cohabiting with the mentally ill), those struggling with domestic discord or the socially isolated. The consequences have been devastating, far-reaching, and yet to be fully

appreciated. If the goal of this inquiry is to explore how to do better next time, then I believe there would be no better case study than Victoria which managed to achieve the tightest restrictions and highest number of deaths whilst vilifying a minority.