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REQUEST

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RESPONSE

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust became a single legal entity known as Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust on 1st July 2023, as such parts of the response may be provided in two sections relating to the hospital sites of each of the legacy organisations.

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The Trust categorically do not administer Covid vaccines to patients without their consent. We use a tetanus vaccine called Revaxis when we need to provide a tetanus booster. Verbal consent would be sought prior to administration of this vaccine.