If vaccines have the potential to cause serious harm and even death, then mandating them for every child is not only Russian Roulette but totally unethical - all the more so as the state does not look after the injured or cover all the costs.

Mandating a procedure that may spread disease or may not 'protect' from disease therefore needs serious re-thinking. Surely informed choice by the main carer is the best option."

"Informed choice is vital in a democracy. Mandating vaccines actually goes against at least a dozen European ethical documents, including the Nuremberg Code. (14)

Please don't become caught up in the frenzy to remove parental rights and mandate medicine on otherwise healthy children, as some of our European neighbors are doing. Or removing benefits as Australia has done. As Professor David M. Salisbury, ex-Director of Immunisation, wrote in the BMJ 2012, (15)

Not only do vaccinated children risk very serious side effects but certain vaccines (e.g. the MMR and Rotovirus) can actually cause the disease(s) vaccinated against as a result of live virus shedding (7) and many vaccines do not work for all recipients.

Mandatory vaccination in the UK was attempted first in the 19th century. The legislation was ineffective, discriminated in favor of those able to use the exemptions, and was divisive; it fostered substantial anti-vaccine sentiment and was counterproductive. Attempts to impose compulsion today would undoubtedly be challenged in terms of autonomy, inappropriate intrusion of the state, availability of choice, and parental rights and responsibilities. Bolstered by access to information, its unacceptability to the public would be likely to have the same consequences." From 2015 via The Ecologist - Official Page