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When preschool entertainment and vaccination controversy collide

"Get Well Soon" on Cbeebies, a TV show, has recently come under fire from a group opposed to vaccination, for showing that vaccines are safe and necessary, a position that all medical experts agree with.

- 5 Get well soon on Cbeebies basically teaches children about health, medicine and what to expect when you go to the doctor. The cast is made up of adorably diverse child puppets who see the doctor for various issues and concerns. In one episode involved, one of the children explains in simple terms the mechanism of vaccines, and even includes explanations of how injections work. There have been official complaints made about the episode by some anti-vaccination funsters at the Arnica UK Parent Support Network, who promote "natural immunity".
- 10 People care a lot about children's television, but there are good reasons for this. Children's entertainment is important to us. But you know what else is important? Vaccinations, which are recognised as so important that people are risking their lives to provide essential vaccinations to areas that need them. Contrast this with those opposed to vaccination, who are getting worked up over a TV show about puppets. This sort of behaviour makes even the crudest children's TV show
- 15 seem mature in comparison.

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