



Ein cyf/Our ref WAQ80061, WQ80189, WQ80319,  
WQ80445 and WQ80446

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Dear Delyth,

I am writing to respond to coronavirus-related Written Questions, which you submitted and have not yet received an answer.

Please accept my apologies for the time it has taken to respond to these questions.

**Will the Minister confirm on what dates the cross-governmental meetings to discuss the Exercise Cygnus report on pandemic preparedness take place? WAQ80061**

The Welsh Government received a report of the findings of Operation Cygnus from Public Health England.

**How well integrated are the UK-wide providers of testing services in Wales with the Welsh Clinical Portal and do they provide timely and detailed access to test results? WQ80189**

Data connectivity is one of the seven principles of our Testing Strategy, which is available at: <https://gov.wales/covid-19-testing-strategy-html>

We believe all results should be available to clinicians when required and form a part of individuals' permanent health record so they can be used, in an appropriate and legal framework, for public health purposes.

People being tested should be informed about why they are being tested, and the implications and limitations of their results. They should have access to those results. Individuals should be informed if their data becomes part of a research programme and of their rights to be excluded if they so wish, within the context of public health needs.

**By what date does the Welsh Government propose that all care home staff and residents will have been tested for Covid-19? WQ80319**

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

In my written statement on June 18, I set out the results of the first round of testing for all care home staff and residents: <https://gov.wales/written-statement-covid-19-testing-care-homes>. I also set out that care home staff would continue to be offered weekly tests.

**What assessment has the Welsh Government made of its decision on 13 March 2020 to depart from World Health Organisation advice to test every case and trace every contact in terms of contributing to the transmission of Covid-19? WQ80445**

**Was the decision to depart from the World Health Organisation policy of testing every case and tracing every contact from 13 March 2020 made after a full Cabinet level discussion? WQ80446**

The NHS Wales Test Trace Protect service was launched on June 1.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vaughan Gething". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'V'.

**Vaughan Gething AS/MS**

Y Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol  
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