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WQ81213 and WQ81212

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Dear Paul,

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 provide a breakdown of the latest positive COVID-19 test results per 100,000, by hospital in Wales? WQ81208**

**Will the Minister provide a breakdown of positive COVID-19 test results per 100,000 between 28 September 2020 and 7 October 2020 by hospital in Wales? WQ81209**

**Will the Minister provide a breakdown of the latest positive COVID-19 test results per 100,000, by county borough council ward level in Wales? WQ81210**

**Will the Minister provide a breakdown of positive COVID-19 test results per 100,000, between 28 September and 7 October, by county borough council ward level in Wales? WQ81211**

The Welsh Government does not publish coronavirus statistics; they are published daily by Public Health Wales at:

<https://public.tableau.com/profile/public.health.wales.health.protection#!/vizhome/RapidCOVID-19virology-Public/Headlinesummary>

The data is available at health board level, local authority level and at middle-layer super output area-level. They can also be adjusted by date.

**What plans does the Welsh Government have to increase routine COVID-19 testing of NHS staff and will they will be tested weekly or fortnightly throughout the winter period? WQ81213**

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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.

Our *Testing Strategy*, which is available at: <https://gov.wales/covid-19-testing-strategy.html> sets out our priorities for testing:

- Controlling and preventing transmission of the virus by supporting contact tracing
- Protecting NHS services – to prevent, protect and deliver testing to support the safety of staff, patients and clients
- Protecting vulnerable groups and managing increased transmission rates – to safeguard and control infection in groups, communities or settings where there are greater risks
- Developing future delivery – to use health surveillance and new technologies to improve our understanding of the virus.

We currently have a needs-based approach for testing for NHS staff.

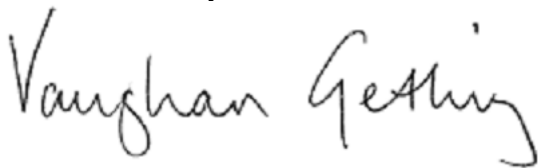
**Will the Minister provide an update on the guidelines set out for local health boards on COVID-light and COVID-free sites, as well as outline the process when these guidelines are breached? WQ81212**

Since March, the NHS in Wales has been planning on a quarterly basis to respond to the pandemic and to safely reintroduce a wider range of services. As more services are available, hospitals have ensured that all appropriate environmental measures have been taken to keep patients safe. This includes treating people with confirmed or suspected Covid-19 in separate areas to those who do not have the disease to prevent the risk of it spreading. These are usually referred to as green and red zones.

Following the publication of the Winter Protection Plan in September, the chief executive of NHS Wales issued technical guidance to NHS Wales organisations.

The specific requirements for the next six months are set in the NHS Wales Operating Framework Quarter 3/Quarter 4 2020-21. This will set a balance between the need to sustain Covid-19 and non-Covid-19 activity.

Yours sincerely,



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