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Dear Sam

Please find below the answer to your Written Question:

Samuel Kurtz (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): Further to WQ87428, will the Minister provide a breakdown of how participation in phase 1 and phase 2 trials of CattleBCG vaccine were advertised to Welsh farmers? (WQ87502)

Lesley Griffiths: In my [Oral Statement in November 2021](#), I announced we were seeking Welsh farms to participate in Phase 1 of the cattle vaccine field trials. Welsh Government collaborated with APHA, DEFRA and the Scottish Government throughout the cattle vaccine studies in releasing press notices and asking for volunteer farms from Wales and England.

A further request for volunteer farms to participate in Phase 2 of the trials has been made in the latest press notice released this month. [Field trials for bovine TB cattle vaccine and skin test move to next phase - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Also, since the announcement of the field trials in July 2021, Welsh Government officials have regularly highlighted the opportunity for volunteer farms located in the low TB risk area to participate in the trials during meetings and forums with the farming unions, Regional TB Eradication Boards, and industry representatives.

Updates can be found at [cattle vaccine - TB Hub](#)

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lesley Griffiths". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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