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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your recent Written Question asking me to outline the modelling of Public Health Wales and the technical advisory cell on potential outbreaks and seriousness of respiratory diseases in Wales over the 2021-22 winter period, such as influenza and pneumonia.

The Welsh Government's Technical Advisory Cell is undertaking modelling in relation to the potential increase in the number of paediatric respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) cases in Wales. This is still work in progress. Public Health Wales undertakes surveillance on the levels of respiratory diseases such as influenza and RSV and publishes weekly updates ([Public Health Wales Health Protection Division - Weekly Influenza and Acute Respiratory Infection Report](#)).

Public Health Wales also issued a RSV and parainfluenza briefing to health boards on 9 July 2021, which raised awareness of a recent increase in non-COVID-19 causes of respiratory infection, in particular the onset of seasonal activity of RSV and increases in other viruses, including parainfluenza.

I hope you find this response helpful.

Yours sincerely

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