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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your recent Written Questions asking me to provide an update on health board planning for the autumn COVID and flu vaccination programmes, as well as their start dates. You also asked me to outline the Welsh Government's plans for administering both COVID-19 and influenza vaccine boosters in care home settings during autumn and winter 2021-22.

The Joint Committee for Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) published interim advice on 30 June 2021 in relation to the autumn booster vaccination campaign.

JCVI considers that a synergistic approach to the delivery of COVID-19 and influenza vaccination may support delivery and maximise uptake of both vaccines in the population. In their view, early evidence supports the delivery of both vaccines at the same time, where appropriate.

Health boards are considering the feasibility of co-administration of influenza vaccine with COVID-19 vaccine where supply, eligibility of cohorts and delivery models align, to allow more efficient use of resources and a better service for patients.

If, as anticipated, the ongoing clinical study finds that co-administration is safe and effective it is expected that health boards will capitalise on the opportunities this presents to optimise full co-administration of influenza and COVID-19 vaccines to their populations across a range of settings where possible and practical.

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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.

The relevant clinical trial data are expected later this summer and final JCVI advice will be published ahead of this phase of the programme.

I hope you find this response helpful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. E. Morgan'.

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