



Ein cyf/Our ref: WQ82086

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Dear Darren,

I am writing in response to WQ82086: What consideration has the Welsh Government given to prioritising COVID-19 vaccines for childminders given both the nature of their work and the fact that they care for children in their own homes?

An agreed UK approach is being taken to prioritisation. This is based on the advice of the Joint Committee on Vaccinations and Immunisations.

The JCVI's priority categories have not changed with the introduction of the AstraZeneca vaccine. The most vulnerable will continue to be prioritised, with a maintained focus on preventing deaths and protecting our NHS to enable it to continue to deliver the essential service it provides.

Those over 50 or with particular health conditions will be captured within this first phase of vaccination. If large groups of workers were prioritised at an earlier point it would mean other groups who are more vulnerable to harm would have to wait longer.

Yours sincerely,

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