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Dear Janet,

Thank you for your recent written question asking me to make a statement on the COVID booster vaccination process in Wales.

We continue, in Wales, to be led by the latest clinical and scientific evidence and advice from the Joint Committee for Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) in terms of the timing and eligibility of COVID-19 vaccination programmes. Following my acceptance of the latest JCVI [advice](#) in relation to the autumn booster, two written statements were published on [8](#) and [30](#) August.

Health boards in Wales are responsible for the deployment of the Winter Respiratory Vaccination Programme (WRVP) and operate flexible models in accordance with their local populations and needs. Details of the WRVP for 2023-24, including priorities and uptake targets were communicated by the Chief Medical Officer for Wales to NHS Wales via [WHC/2023/029](#) on 17 August.

The COVID-19 autumn booster programme commenced on 11 September prioritising the most vulnerable groups, including care home residents.

Latest information data shows that vaccination teams have visited every care home in Wales and more than 80% of residents have received their COVID-19 booster vaccination. 45% of the 65+ cohort have been vaccinated and health boards are reporting they are on track to meet our target of sending an appointment or an offer to make an appointment to all those eligible by the end of November.

Yours sincerely

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

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Y Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol
Minister for Health and Social Services