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Dear Tom,

Thank you for your recent Written Questions asking what action is the Welsh Government taking to contain the monkeypox outbreak in Wales.

The Welsh Government has been and continues to work at pace with the NHS in Wales to contain the monkeypox outbreak in Wales.

Through the all-Wales Incident Management Team led by Public Health Wales and a Welsh Government Oversight Group, my officials have either led on or contributed towards a number of key actions in containing the outbreak, which include:

- Issuing guidance and directions to NHS Wales
- Rapidly ensuring that robust pathways are in place for the identification, testing and treatment of monkeypox
- Rapidly ensuring access to limited supplies of the vaccine
- Providing additional central support through our contact tracing teams to ensure that cases and contacts are supported from both a health and wellbeing perspective
- Working closely with the UK Health Security Agency to coordinate the UK-wide outbreak management approach to ensure we have access to vaccines for high-risk individuals in areas where there has been an outbreak
- Ensuring that targeted communications are tailored to those most at risk along with more general advice and information available for a wider audience
- Making monkeypox a notifiable disease in Wales.

We will continue to work within Wales and with our colleagues across the UK to deliver the UK-wide strategy for controlling monkeypox which aims to:

1. Suppress the transmission in the community and aim for eradication by targeting public health measures to the highest risks for transmission
2. Protect against spread of infection in hospitals and healthcare settings and to healthcare workers assessing and managing patients
3. Enable safe functioning of NHS services, including those services which can diagnose and manage cases, in the context of community transmission of monkeypox.

[Principles for monkeypox control in the UK: 4 nations consensus statement - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/principles-for-monkeypox-control-in-the-uk-4-nations-consensus-statement)

Yours sincerely,

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

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