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Dear Paul,

I am writing to response to WQ81736: What plans does the Welsh Government have to ensure that student nurses, some of whom who work in COVID-19 hospital wards, have equal access to the COVID-19 vaccination programme as frontline NHS staff?

Wales, alongside the other UK nations, is vaccinating people who are most at-risk of catching coronavirus and developing serious illnesses first, in line with the recommendations of the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI). The JCVI has recommended the vaccine be offered, in the first instance, to care home residents and staff and frontline health and social care workers, together with people aged 80 and over.

The JCVI advice states that frontline health and social care workers at high risk of acquiring infection, at high individual risk of developing serious disease, or at risk of transmitting infection to multiple vulnerable persons or other staff in a healthcare environment, including student nurses, are considered of high priority for vaccination. Local Health Boards are using prioritisation guidance from JCVI UK to guide vaccine deployment.

Yours sincerely,

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