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Dear Mark,

I am writing in response to WQ81725: When will the Welsh Government rollout mass COVID-19 testing of care home visitors to enable indoor visits from family and friends, as in England?

On 23 November, I issued a joint statement with the Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services and the Minister for Mental Health, Wellbeing and Welsh Language regarding care home visitor testing, available [here](#).

The Welsh Government will continue to support care homes to receive visitors, where safe to do so. Guidance for care home providers is available [here](#).

As you are aware, we are currently at alert level 4. Further guidance on the appropriate level of visiting permitted at each alert level was published recently and is available [here](#).

Care homes started receiving their testing kits at the end of December.

Yours sincerely,

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