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Dear Rhun,

Thank you for your recent Written Question regarding what guidelines the Government offer for giving a choice between different types of vaccine to individuals who are very concerned about receiving the AstraZeneca vaccine.

The Welsh Government and NHS are committed to ensuring that everyone gets the right vaccine at the right time, in line with JCVI advice. Due to supply and logistical constraints, it is not possible for people to choose which vaccination they receive. This in turn has meant a fast and efficient roll out of the programme and more people receiving protection sooner.

All three vaccines that are being deployed have been approved as safe for use by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency.

In accordance with JCVI advice, it is recommended that, where possible, those under-40 and people who are pregnant are offered the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines. JCVI continues to advise that Astra Zeneca is safe for use in the majority of the population.

Public Health Wales have publicised the risks and benefits of the vaccination, in particular the Astra Zeneca safety profile, in an attempt to reduce possible hesitancy.

I hope you find this response helpful.

Yours sincerely

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