Dear Adam,

I am writing in response to WQ81862: What steps are the Welsh Government taking to ensure that dentists are able to receive vaccinations and therefore work safely?

Frontline health and social care workers, defined by the JCVI as those 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, are considered of higher priority for vaccination than those at lower risk. Chapter 14a of the Green Book includes dentists with this definition and, subject to supply, these individuals will be vaccinated in cohort 2 by mid-February, as outlined in Wales’ Vaccination Strategy, published on 11 January.

Yours sincerely,

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