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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your written question asking me how long on average does it take for a person in Wales to be offered a blood test after being referred for one by a GP.

Welsh Government do not hold any data on patient waiting times for blood tests following a referral from the GP. Currently Welsh Government are not aware of any supply issues affecting blood test provision and services should be operating as business as usual.

If a patient is concerned at the length of wait time to have a blood test, I urge them to contact their local GP practice that they are registered with and request to speak with the practice manager to discuss the issue further.

In addition to this, all health boards operate an independent complaints process known as 'Putting Things Right' where a dedicated team investigate complaints in a thorough and timely manner. Further information on how to do this with Cardiff and Vale Health Board can be found here.

Yours sincerely

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