



Ein cyf/Our ref: WQ81292

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Dear Siân,

I am writing in response to coronavirus-related Written Questions, which you submitted and have not yet received an answer. Please accept my apologies for the time it has taken to respond to this question.

WQ81292: For university students studying outside of Wales that receive a positive COVID-19 test result, will that information be recorded against local authority data in Wales where their main address is located if that address is given when ordering the test? I apologise for the delay in replying.

If university students studying outside Wales provide their residence in Wales as their address when ordering a test, then they will fulfil the criteria for the results to be sent through to Wales, and subsequently these will be recorded against local authority (LA) data in Wales.

We primarily use the postcode provided in the testing data held in the Welsh Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) to attribute an individual to a given area and these are matched against the ONS master list lookup of all postcodes in the UK.

- If the postcode in the testing data is linked to a local authority in Wales, the positive result will be included in the Welsh national figures and the relevant local authority's figures and rates.
- If the postcode in the testing data is linked to a non-Welsh local authority (e.g. in England), the positive result will be recorded in the Welsh national figures but as 'outside of Wales' and not be included in the national and LA rates.
- Test results with no postcode or a postcode that does not match with one on the master list are also included in the Welsh national figures but recorded as 'LA to be confirmed'. However, they will be included in the Welsh rate per 100,000 population. If on further investigation we identify the correct postcode, the individual will be assigned to the appropriate area

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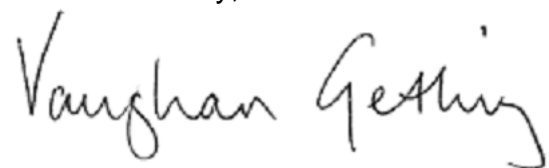
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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vaughan Gething". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial 'V'.

Vaughan Gething AS/MS

Y Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol
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