



Ein cyf/Our ref: WQ80648

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Dear Janet,

I am writing to 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.

WQ80648: Will the Minister outline the guidelines for care home employers who are applying for tests through local authorities and confirm how long they must wait before being notified of testing appointments?

You will be aware a national testing programme is now in place for care homes which includes regular asymptomatic testing for all care home staff and whole home testing (including residents) where an outbreak occurs. Our detailed control plan for social care in Wales can be found at [here](#). Information on the testing process for care homes is available [here](#).

Guidance has also been issued to Incident Management Teams to support good governance in local decision-making in relation to testing approaches for social care. There is more information [here](#).

I hope that this reply has been helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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