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Dear Luke,

Thank you for your recent Written Questions asking what is the Welsh Government doing to increase the supply of the Monkeypox vaccine in Wales.

There is limited global supply of the smallpox vaccine used in the monkeypox outbreak. The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) procure the vaccine on behalf of all four governments of the UK.

Since my written statement published on 22 June, changes have been made to the allocation of the vaccine to ensure the limited stock is utilised most effectively. A UK wide outbreak management approach, proposed by UKHSA and accepted by the 4 UK Chief Medical Officers, means that existing stock is being used primarily to respond to rising cases in areas with outbreaks, primarily in London currently, with a view to minimising the spread of the virus to other areas of the UK.

It was announced on 19 July that UKHSA had procured from the manufacturer, Bavarian Nordic, over 125,000 additional doses of the smallpox vaccine. Part of the stock, 25,000 doses, was delivered to UKHSA recently with the remaining 100,000 doses expected during September.

From the available stock, Wales has been given a share of the 6000 doses allocated to the Devolved Administrations and Crown Dependencies, which is reflective of the lower case numbers experienced to date.

UKHSA is currently working to develop a strategy on how best to deploy the additional 100,000 doses once they arrive. Welsh Government officials will continue to work with UKHSA to ensure the needs and interests of Wales are represented and met.

In Wales, available vaccine continues to be prioritised in areas with outbreaks and to vaccinate contacts of positive cases. Officials are working with the NHS Wales Delivery Unit to manage supplies across Wales. Additional supplies are expected soon and those eligible will be offered the vaccine as soon as it becomes available.

Yours sincerely,

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