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Dear Adam

I am writing in response to WQ80559: Does the Welsh Government plan to assess the effects on transmission of COVID-19 of the Stereophonics concerts held in Cardiff on the weekend of 14 and 15 March 2020, the Dragons versus Benetton game held on 6 March and the Cheltenham Festival held between 10 and 13 March?

The clear public health advice at the time, including from SAGE, was that cancelling mass gatherings was not required. As soon as the expert advice changed, we acted on it. The whole of the UK moved to postpone mass gatherings on the same day.

I apologise for the oversight in responding to this written question.

Best wishes

**MARK DRAKEFORD**