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Dear Peter,

Thank you for your recent Written Questions asking me how individuals arriving into Wales from Ukraine as part of the UK-wide resettlement programme can obtain a COVID-19 vaccination. You also asked what consideration the Welsh Government has given to providing individuals arriving into Wales from Ukraine a COVID-19 vaccination as part of the standard health checks offered at resettlement clinics upon arrival into the country.

There are two main routes for people from the Ukraine to come to Wales.

- The [Ukraine Family Scheme](#) allows family members of British nationals, UK settled persons and certain others to come to or stay in the UK.
- The [Homes for Ukraine Scheme](#) allows people fleeing Ukraine who do not have familial ties with anyone in the UK to be sponsored.

People arriving via the sponsorship route will initially come to one of the Welcome Centres, which are being set up around Wales and, from there, they will go on to medium and longer-term accommodation.

The purpose of the Welcome Centres is to assess need and provide support on a range of public services including health, social care, education and housing as well as community, spiritual and cultural resources.

The Centres are not set up to administer vaccinations, and from a practical perspective it is important to know in advance the vaccination status of an individual, the interval between any previous dose and whether they have had a recent COVID-19 infection. Those who require a first or further vaccination will be supported to access this via the services available in their area.

Health boards have plans in place how best to encourage uptake and protect the individual as quickly as possible, for example through peer support services.

Yours sincerely

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Eluned Morgan AS/MS

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Minister for Health and Social Services