



Ein cyf/Our ref: WAQ79817 / WAQ79818

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Dear Darren,

I'm writing in response to:

WAQ79817 - Will the Minister describe the process for determining who was recently issued with a shielding letter by the Welsh Government?

WAQ79818 - What action should constituents take when they believe they should be shielding but are yet to receive a letter, including instances of letters going to the wrong address?

The high risk groups were identified as part of UK-wide process where expert advice was sought, and which we have followed in Wales. The methodology used has now been published on the NHS Wales Informatics Service website:

<https://nwis.nhs.wales/news/latest-news/identifying-vulnerable-patient-lists/>.

GPs have been provided with a list of their patients who have been issued with a letter to check against their known high risk patients and are able to contact any additional patients who should have been included. Guidance on this process was issued to GPs on 3 April.

We have also published guidance for patients who have been identified as extremely vulnerable and for those who think they should have received a shielding letter. We are advising people who believe they should have received a letter to discuss the issue with their GP or specialist.

<https://gov.wales/cmo-letter-extremely-vulnerable-people-support-explained>

Yours sincerely,

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