



Ein cyf/Our ref: WAQ79873 / WAQ79874

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Dear Suzie,

I'm writing in response to:

WAQ79873: Following the announcement that Wales is to receive 1000 ventilators for use in Welsh hospitals, will the Minister provide a detailed breakdown of the intended locations of the first batch of 300 ventilators and confirm when they were ordered and the dates that they will reach those hospitals?

WAQ79874: Following the announcement that Wales is to receive 1000 ventilators, will the Minister provide a breakdown of the intended hospital locations of the second batch of 700 and confirm the timelines between orders being placed and arrival in hospitals and reasons for any delay against the originally anticipated arrival dates?

Welsh Government is working with the Wales Critical Care and Trauma Network and NHS Wales Shared Services to manage the allocation of additional respiratory support equipment secured from Welsh and UK Government sources. Our overriding priority has been to distribute equipment fairly and efficiently throughout Wales according to:

- Clinical need, including anticipated peaks;
- The need to utilise the equipment within 72 hours;
- Suitability of equipment;
- In consideration of O2 infrastructure in hospitals.

Equipment is arriving in varying amounts and timeframes spread out over the next eight weeks.

NHS Wales Shared Services are normally able deliver anywhere in Wales within 24 hours. We continue to review the demand and distribution and retain the ability to reallocate the equipment in line with clinical need to guard against significant shortfalls in individual sites or health boards.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

All health boards have been given some of the equipment received so far – the majority of equipment has been sent to health boards experiencing higher numbers of COVID-19 patients currently or those facing a significant shortfall of a particular type of ventilator. A breakdown of the equipment distributed so far by health board is below:

Health Board	Dual purpose Ventilators	Non-invasive Ventilators
Aneurin Bevan	49	
Betsi Cadwaladr	25	5
Cardiff	12	18
Cwm Taf Morgannwg	16	
Hywel Dda	15	
Swansea	13	18
Total	130	41

Please note dual purpose means it can be used for either invasive or non-invasive ventilation purposes

In addition to the ventilators allocated above, there are also an additional 60 invasive ventilators being held by NHS Wales Shared Services for allocation if necessary, these are models not traditionally used in critical care settings, such as portable machines, but are available to be used should any health board require access to them.

We do not hold information on when the orders were placed as they are coming from a variety of sources, including orders placed directly by health boards, orders placed by NHS Wales Shared Services and through UK arrangements.

We are unable to confirm the timings or allocation of the ventilators we are expecting to receive – these will be allocated on the basis of need.

Yours sincerely,



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Y Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol
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