



Ein cyf/Our ref WQ80146 and WQ80198

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2 November 2020

Dear Mark,

I am writing to respond to coronavirus-related Written Questions, which you submitted and have not yet received an answer.

Please accept my apologies for the time it has taken to respond to these questions.

**Will the Minister confirm how many (a) men (b) women with blood cancer have (i) contracted coronavirus, (ii) received intensive care support and (iii) died with coronavirus, in each age group measured by the Welsh Government? WQ80146**

The Welsh Government does not routinely collect this information.

**Will the Minister confirm the Welsh Government's policy on treatments for medical conditions that have been suspended by NHS Wales during the coronavirus pandemic, including medical conditions which cause pernicious anaemia, when the alternative provision available, including oral medication, severely compromises a patient's day to day living? WQ80198**

NHS Wales services continue to be available to help people when they need care and it's important people continue to attend appointments and seek help for urgent medical issues.

During this firebreak period, people are able to leave their home to access local health services, including their GP surgery, dentist, optometrist or other health service. If their appointment changes, their health board or health professional will contact them to offer people further information. Advice about services are available on health board or NHS trust websites.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

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.

Many services are offering virtual and telephone appointments in the first instance. If people have concerns about their treatment they should contact their healthcare professional in the first instance to discuss their treatment and the options available.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vaughan Gething". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Vaughan Gething AS/MS**

Y Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol  
Minister for Health and Social Services