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Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Ein cyf/Our ref: WQ80240

Delyth Jewell MS
Welsh Parliament
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Dear Delyth,

I'm writing in response to WQ80240: Will the Welsh Government depart from the four nations' personal protective equipment guidance in response to the coronavirus outbreak and instruct that all carers wear surgical masks whenever they administer care to vulnerable people, whether in the community, supported accommodation, care homes or clinical settings?

All health and social care staff should wear a medical mask in settings where direct care is provided within 2 metres, according to infection prevention and control guidance published by Public Health Wales. I have provided a link below to that guidance and see no need to depart from it.

<https://phw.nhs.wales/services-and-teams/harp/infection-prevention-and-control/guidance/>

I issued a written statement on 13 June regarding the use of medical masks within health and social care. The Chief Medical Officer has restated medical grade masks should be reserved for use during the direct care of patients or residents in line with UK infection prevention and control guidance published by Public Health Wales.

Yours sincerely,

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

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