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Dear Alistair and Tina

Re: COVID-19 vaccine delivery

I write further to your letter of 4 December 2020 to Ros Jervis, Executive Director of Public Health, regarding the delivery of the COVID-19 vaccine.

As you acknowledged within your letter, there are significant logistical challenges surrounding the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine and as a result, it was determined that we should be confident and secure in our delivery of this vaccine to maximize the efficiency of its delivery. As such, we have restricted initial delivery to two sites.

We currently have two vaccination centres, in Ceredigion and Carmarthenshire. Our intention is to increase the number of vaccination sites; however, this is not feasible until we are given assurance over the Oxford/Astra Zeneca vaccine, which is anticipated to have significantly less logistical restrictions.

We are aware and understanding of the community's concerns surrounding when and how they will receive the vaccine. The Health Board is taking continuous guidance from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) on priority groups for COVID-19 vaccination, and planning our activity in accordance with this.

There are approximately 45,000 individuals to be vaccinated as part of the first two priority groups, which will take the Health Board some time to complete. Whilst we fully appreciate the public's anxieties and eagerness to receive their vaccination, the Health Board has to be strategic in its delivery to ensure everyone is offered the vaccination in the most effective and efficient way.

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Prif Weithredwr/Chief Executive Mr Steve Moore I can assure you that the Health Board will continue to communicate with its patients and the public living within our communities to ensure they are kept informed of any updates we have relating to vaccine delivery.

I trust this information is of assistance.

With best wishes Yours sincerely

Steve Moore Chief Executive