

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 21-043	24 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
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**Communication from a number of residents -here are their questions with examples**

**1 What procedure are in place between Health Board and GPs in testing of vulnerable people for example if a person has cancer and is 60 years old will they be given priority**

This would be a clinical decision by made by the GP and individual person. They should also be on the shielding list

**2 Residents have raised how will GP and Health Board select vulnerable and people under 60 if they have heart problems and on medication**

This would be a clinical decision made by a GP

**3 Residents raised concerns about communication process there is no number to ring: Council, GPs where do we go - why is there not a hot line we want specifics about our conditions and an estimate date not told we are in a list in order**

There is not a dedicated phone number for the booking teams. The booking teams are working with our programme board leads to prioritise the first four priority groups in accordance with the JCVI guidance.

**4 Please don't refer me to the JCVI rules and regulation as we want specific information**

The Health Board are following this guidance

**5 Concerns from residents about comparisons with N Ireland and England on percentage of vaccinations - why can't it be 24 hours**

As of the end of January 2021 Wales had vaccinated 8.6% in seven weeks which is above Scotland (7.6%) and Northern Ireland (8.4%).

**6 Who decides GP or Health Board is there a list which is checked off by GP staff on their condition, and do they send a Spreadsheet to the Health Board - please define mechanisms used**

GPs identify those eligible to be vaccinated (as per JCVI guidance) based on patient records e.g. those clinically vulnerable / shielding (i.e. JCVI group 3), those in eligible age groups and those aged 16 years to 64 years with underlying health conditions which put them at higher risk of serious disease and mortality (i.e. JCVI group 6). Depending on the agreed vaccination deployment, GPs will either pass this list to the Health Board who will issue invitations for appointments at mass vaccination centres or will invite their own eligible patients for appointments at the surgery. Details of vaccine deployment for each eligible group are contained in the weekly update newsletters, found on our website:

[www.abuhb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine](http://www.abuhb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine)