

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 21-204	9 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
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**I am asking if it would be possible to know how many Covid vaccines have been wasted in the Health board as you do. It have a reserve list.**

**If the answer is none - could you tell me how surplus is then offered out to the general population.**

Welsh Government publish data by Health Board on the cumulative COVID-19 vaccine doses not suitable for use, by vaccine type (see data within each statistical release) <https://gov.wales/covid-19-vaccination-programme-stock-and-distribution>

The majority of this wastage has been due to the following reasons as per Regulation 174 for Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine;

- Particulate matter in the vial after dilution
- Particulate matter in the vial prior to dilution
- Failure to extract 6 doses of 0.3mls from the vaccine vial

The Health Board goes to great lengths to ensure that all vaccines are administered to our patients and there have been no reported instances of vaccine waste due to lack of appropriate patients available to vaccinate. The Health Board does not have a reserve list for patients to register, as this 'wastage' is not associated with surplus of vaccine supply.

At Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, we are vaccinating our population in line with JCVI guidance. We are inviting those eligible to receive the vaccine via letter or via the GP practice with which they are registered. We have a process in place where our vaccination booking centre will ring people who are eligible if we have vaccines that become available on the day.

We have an online form for people to complete if they have not received their invitation letter, to ensure no one within the specific age cohort being worked through is missed. Other Health Boards across Wales may have a different process for inviting their population for their vaccine dependent on how their vaccination programme is progressing. However, at Aneurin Bevan University Health Board we can assure the public that our booking process is currently working well, it is reviewed regularly and we do not feel a need to change our process at this time.