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Dear Acting Chief Executive, Gill,

It is my pleasure to take this opportunity to thank you and all at the health board for the incredible service you have provided to the nation this year. In the face of Coronavirus, your brilliant team have succeeded to keep our Welsh NHS going. Whilst we can never do enough to show our appreciation, please be assured that I will continue to champion the health service in the Welsh Parliament.

I have over the last few days been inundated with serious concerns about the rollout of the Coronavirus vaccine. Certainly, I welcome the announcement that mass vaccination centers have been opened in Deeside, Llandudno and Bangor to vaccinate nearly 2,000 care home staff. However, you will be aware that the current phase is also supposed to include the over-80s.

Please be assured that I appreciate the mammoth task of offering the vaccine to everyone in the first round. However, a number of constituents aged over 80 have contacted me to explain that they have not received an invitation to receive a vaccine. Undoubtedly, we all appreciate the need for patience, but residents are alleging that friends and relatives of the same age as them or younger are receiving offers in England, whilst they have heard nothing as of yet here. It follows that I would be grateful if you could clarify as a matter of urgency what steps are being taken to ensure that communication is made with all over-80s in the health board area, and whether the three new mass vaccination centers will be used to vaccinate elderly residents after care home staff.

I hope that you have a peaceful Christmas day, and that 2021 is a better year for the entire nation.

Kind regards,

Janet Finch-Saunders MS/AS