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Dear Colleagues

LOCAL CONTAINMENT PLANS: Welsh Government Feedback

We are acutely aware that it has been some time since we commissioned local prevention and response plans. We are also extremely grateful and impressed with the products that were submitted for consideration to such challenging deadlines. You have received comments from Public Health Wales and by now will have worked through them, revising and improving your plans accordingly.

Events have moved on rapidly since then. We had anticipated providing further feedback from the Welsh Government policy departments, however it has not been possible to finalise that. Given that plans are now likely to be considerably further developed, providing feedback on the original versions is unlikely to offer significant additional value. As such, we will not be providing formal feedback on your local plans. We are sorry for any inconvenience this might have caused.

However, we cannot underestimate the value of the plans and the need for them to work for each area as well as being able to function together across borders. There is also a need to test whether the local plans integrate with the national plan and to this end we have asked the military to prepare a desktop test exercise to run next month for this purpose. Simon Brindle will let you have details of this as it develops.

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Our communities are already experiencing new and significant Covid-19 outbreaks and it is almost certain this pattern will multiply across Wales. Making sure we are individually and collectively prepared is essential. We look forward to working with you to build on and improve our approach.

Yours sincerely

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