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Via email:  
Tracey Cooper  
Chief Executive, Public Health Wales

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Dear Tracey,

**Re: Impact of Covid-19 on care homes**

I appreciate how hard all of you are working with the wider public health system to keep vulnerable residents and staff safe in our care homes.

I think it is very important that we have accurate intelligence on the impact of Covid-19 in care homes in Wales, and that we can evidence that the enhanced measures put in place are making a difference.

It is important that any papers for discussion at SAGE reflect the care home Covid-19 experience in Wales and for that we need timely and accurate data to support the modelling.

In addition, the Minister for Health and Social Care wishes to provide wider testing to those care homes who reported incidents/ outbreaks prior to May. To achieve this we need to have clarity on which homes have ongoing outbreaks so we can target testing as per Minister's request.

In support of the above the ask is that the historic information is provided by close of play tomorrow and that the daily and weekly SitReps are provided as requested.

1. For all outbreaks and incidents in residential and nursing homes in Wales could you please provide the following:

- An Excel spread sheet of homes with postcodes and the following data for each home affected with possible/ confirmed Covid-19 to date:
- Date of onset
- Date of notification
- Nursing/ residential home
- Number of residents
- Number of staff
- Total number of residents affected (confirmed and suspected)
- Total number hospitalised
- Total number of deaths confirmed Covid-19 and suspected Covid -19
- Total number of staff affected (confirmed and suspected)
- Total number of staff hospitalised
- Total number of staff deaths
- Outbreak over or ongoing



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2. Going forward the request is for a daily SitRep that will include:

- No of new incidents/ outbreaks reported in previous 24 hours:
- Nursing/ residential
- Number of residents
- Number of staff
- Total number of residents affected
- Total number of staff affected

For ongoing outbreaks:

- Number of deaths (residents and staff)
- Number of outbreaks over

3. It is expected that for all ongoing outbreaks there will be a weekly summary that will provide an update on number of new cases in residents and staff in all care homes with outcomes (hospitalised, deceased etc.)

Many thanks for your ongoing support

Best wishes

Yours sincerely

**Personal Data**

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