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Wynne Jones

By email: cj-editor@biggeesblog.cymru

Dear Wynne

Re: COVID-19 vaccination informed consent

Thank you for your email of 11 October 2021 regarding how Hywel Dda University Health Board ensures it is obtaining informed consent from individuals prior to administering the COVID-19 vaccinations.

With regard to your comments about informed consent, I wholeheartedly agree that it is vitally important that everybody receiving the vaccine is aware of the risks and guidance and only agrees to receiving the vaccine when satisfied that they have all the information required to make that informed choice.

Having liaised with our Vaccination Team, I can confirm that all vaccinators have a discussion with individuals prior to administration of the vaccine. The form you have been provided by the Health Board's Freedom of Information Team demonstrates the questions that are asked by the vaccinator. The information including informed consent is only captured on the form or the Welsh Immunisation System (WIS); the form itself does not include all information to be provided by the vaccinator. The vaccinators are provided with supporting literature that is utilised at the session to explain the vaccine and to answer any questions individuals may have. Furthermore, all individuals are then given the literature to take home. Once the form has been completed, individuals are asked if they are happy to proceed and to consent to receiving the vaccine.

The vaccination programme has been fast paced and highly publicised, with a vast amount of information published online, within newspapers and discussed both on television and radio. This in turn, has enabled individuals to research, with many having made their decision long before their invitation to attend is received.

However, I accept and acknowledge that some individuals continue to have their reservations and that they are fully entitled to seek the answers to their questions prior to accepting the vaccine. Within the letter of invitation, the Health Board encourages members of the public to direct any questions or concerns they may have regarding the

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vaccination to their vaccinator on the day of their appointment, where they will be more than happy to discuss the matter further and help to address/allay their concerns.

The information leaflets used are also published on the Health Board's website, and accessible via the following link.

[COVID-19 vaccine information, resources and leaflets - Hywel Dda University Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](#)

In addition to these leaflets, members of the public are also provided with a 'Package leaflet: Information for the recipient' specific to the vaccination they have received. However, this information sheet is not published on the Health Board's website.

I trust this information satisfies your enquiry, but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Moore". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Steve Moore
Chief Executive