

Ruabon News Letter 353

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Wrexham Council has been asked to consider reducing the speed limit on a short link road to address traffic noise blighting a Ruabon estate.

Residents of Cil y Coed have regularly reported noise complaints to North Wales Police, saying 'boy racers' speeding up and down the stretch between the A483 and the Ruabon roundabout mean they can't hear themselves think and even keep them awake at night.

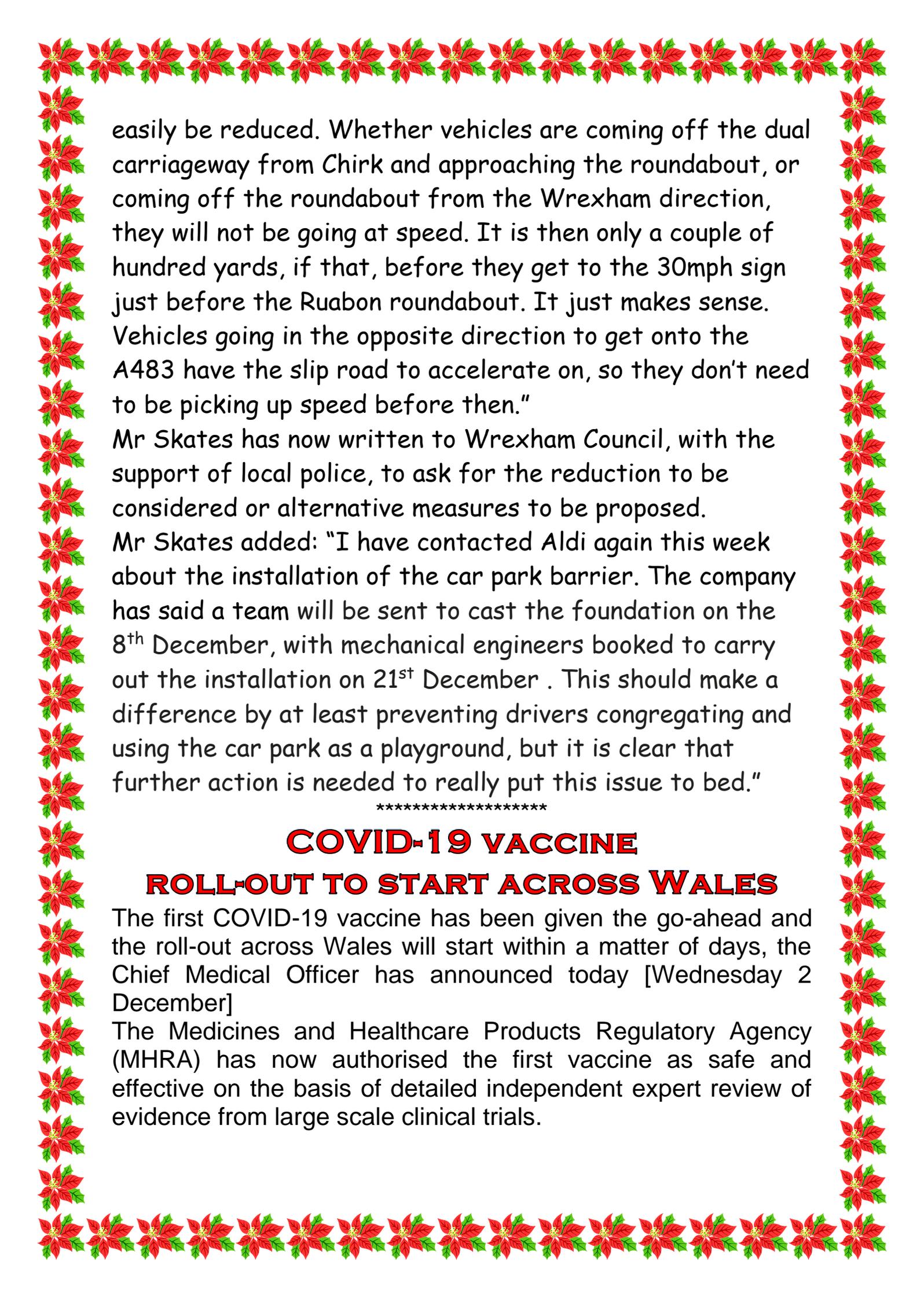
The culprits have also been gathering in the nearby Aldi car park late at night, but the supermarket chain has agreed to a request from local Member of the Senedd: [Ken Skates](#) to install a barrier to access outside of store opening hours. It will be installed next month.

[Mr Skates](#) said: "This has been a problem for a while, but it's really ramped up this year and I have been contacted by a number of residents who are sick and tired of it.

It is difficult for the police, because they are receiving complaints on a regular basis and it is not feasible to monitor the area all the time, but they will be increasing patrols in the Ruabon area."

Community Councillor Dana Davies said: "The police have also said that the petrol station and Aldi have some of the best CCTV they've seen, so anyone suspected of anti-social or criminal behaviour will be very easily identified."

Cllr Davies said: "Police support a reduction of the speed limit on the stretch. There is no need for that short stretch of road to be anything more than 30mph as it is the acceleration which causes a lot of the noise and it could



easily be reduced. Whether vehicles are coming off the dual carriageway from Chirk and approaching the roundabout, or coming off the roundabout from the Wrexham direction, they will not be going at speed. It is then only a couple of hundred yards, if that, before they get to the 30mph sign just before the Ruabon roundabout. It just makes sense. Vehicles going in the opposite direction to get onto the A483 have the slip road to accelerate on, so they don't need to be picking up speed before then."

Mr Skates has now written to Wrexham Council, with the support of local police, to ask for the reduction to be considered or alternative measures to be proposed.

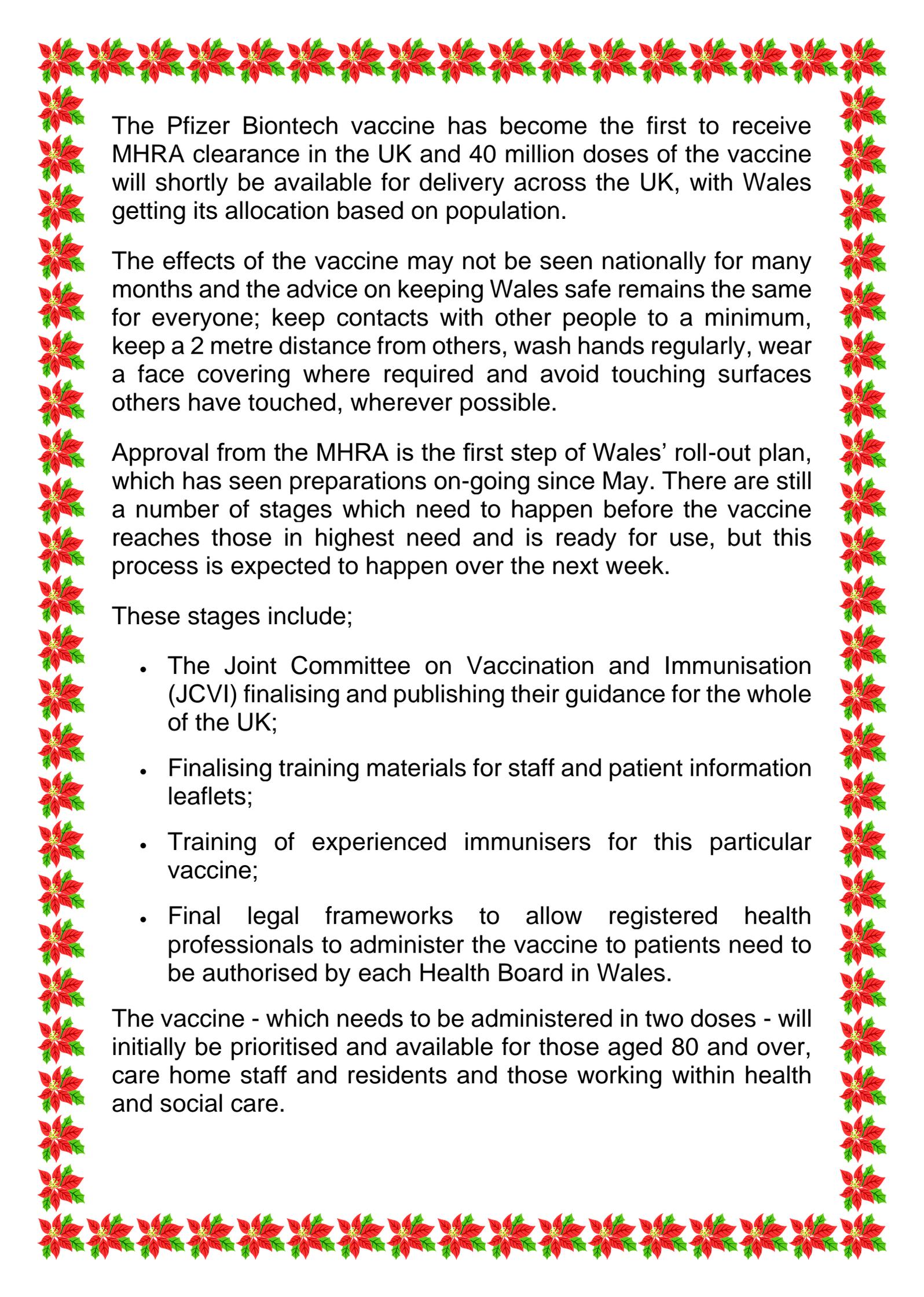
Mr Skates added: "I have contacted Aldi again this week about the installation of the car park barrier. The company has said a team will be sent to cast the foundation on the 8th December, with mechanical engineers booked to carry out the installation on 21st December . This should make a difference by at least preventing drivers congregating and using the car park as a playground, but it is clear that further action is needed to really put this issue to bed."

COVID-19 VACCINE

ROLL-OUT TO START ACROSS WALES

The first COVID-19 vaccine has been given the go-ahead and the roll-out across Wales will start within a matter of days, the Chief Medical Officer has announced today [Wednesday 2 December]

The Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has now authorised the first vaccine as safe and effective on the basis of detailed independent expert review of evidence from large scale clinical trials.



The Pfizer Biontech vaccine has become the first to receive MHRA clearance in the UK and 40 million doses of the vaccine will shortly be available for delivery across the UK, with Wales getting its allocation based on population.

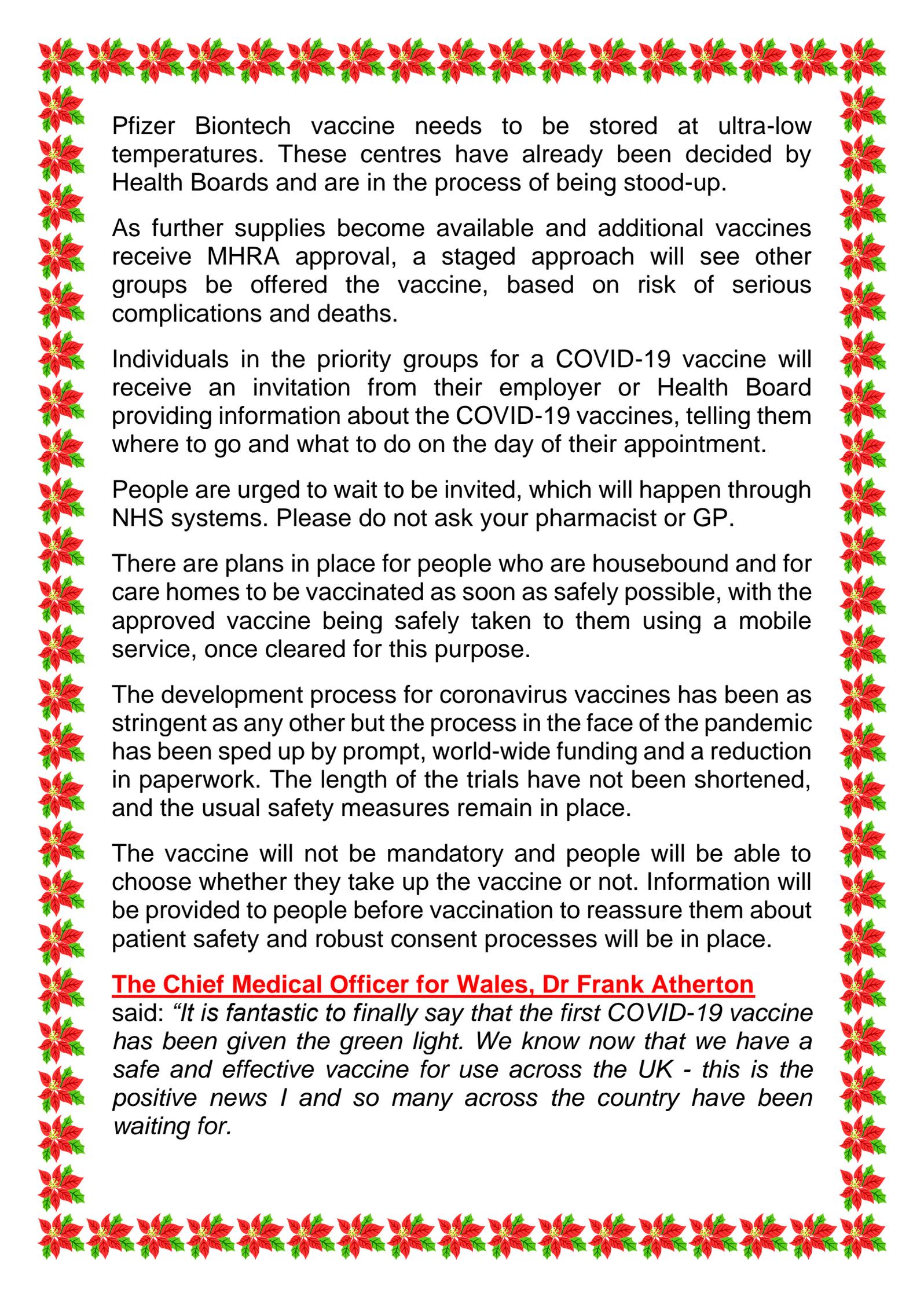
The effects of the vaccine may not be seen nationally for many months and the advice on keeping Wales safe remains the same for everyone; keep contacts with other people to a minimum, keep a 2 metre distance from others, wash hands regularly, wear a face covering where required and avoid touching surfaces others have touched, wherever possible.

Approval from the MHRA is the first step of Wales' roll-out plan, which has seen preparations on-going since May. There are still a number of stages which need to happen before the vaccine reaches those in highest need and is ready for use, but this process is expected to happen over the next week.

These stages include;

- The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) finalising and publishing their guidance for the whole of the UK;
- Finalising training materials for staff and patient information leaflets;
- Training of experienced immunisers for this particular vaccine;
- Final legal frameworks to allow registered health professionals to administer the vaccine to patients need to be authorised by each Health Board in Wales.

The vaccine - which needs to be administered in two doses - will initially be prioritised and available for those aged 80 and over, care home staff and residents and those working within health and social care.



Pfizer Biontech vaccine needs to be stored at ultra-low temperatures. These centres have already been decided by Health Boards and are in the process of being stood-up.

As further supplies become available and additional vaccines receive MHRA approval, a staged approach will see other groups be offered the vaccine, based on risk of serious complications and deaths.

Individuals in the priority groups for a COVID-19 vaccine will receive an invitation from their employer or Health Board providing information about the COVID-19 vaccines, telling them where to go and what to do on the day of their appointment.

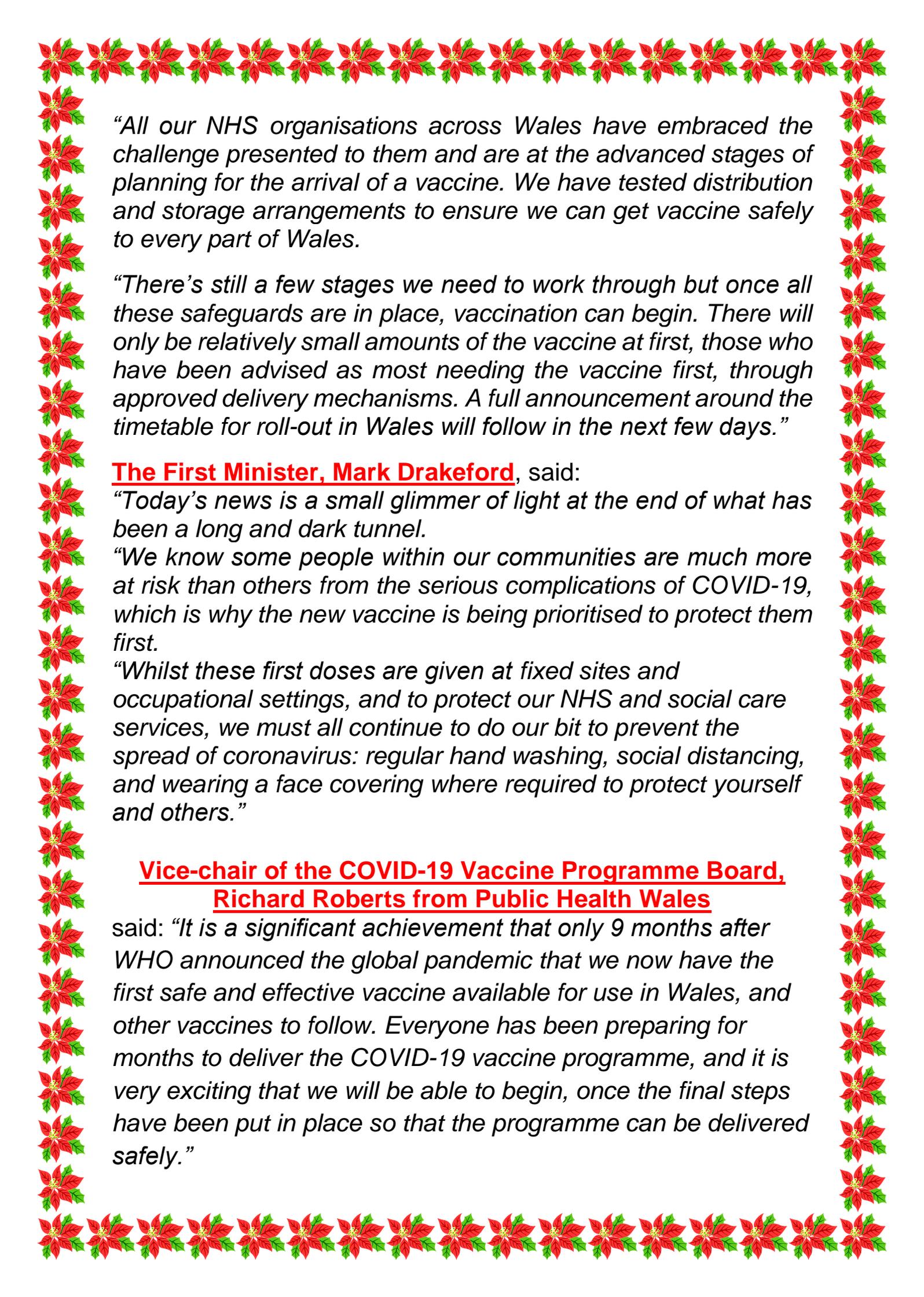
People are urged to wait to be invited, which will happen through NHS systems. Please do not ask your pharmacist or GP.

There are plans in place for people who are housebound and for care homes to be vaccinated as soon as safely possible, with the approved vaccine being safely taken to them using a mobile service, once cleared for this purpose.

The development process for coronavirus vaccines has been as stringent as any other but the process in the face of the pandemic has been sped up by prompt, world-wide funding and a reduction in paperwork. The length of the trials have not been shortened, and the usual safety measures remain in place.

The vaccine will not be mandatory and people will be able to choose whether they take up the vaccine or not. Information will be provided to people before vaccination to reassure them about patient safety and robust consent processes will be in place.

The Chief Medical Officer for Wales, Dr Frank Atherton said: *“It is fantastic to finally say that the first COVID-19 vaccine has been given the green light. We know now that we have a safe and effective vaccine for use across the UK - this is the positive news I and so many across the country have been waiting for.*



“All our NHS organisations across Wales have embraced the challenge presented to them and are at the advanced stages of planning for the arrival of a vaccine. We have tested distribution and storage arrangements to ensure we can get vaccine safely to every part of Wales.”

“There’s still a few stages we need to work through but once all these safeguards are in place, vaccination can begin. There will only be relatively small amounts of the vaccine at first, those who have been advised as most needing the vaccine first, through approved delivery mechanisms. A full announcement around the timetable for roll-out in Wales will follow in the next few days.”

The First Minister, Mark Drakeford, said:

“Today’s news is a small glimmer of light at the end of what has been a long and dark tunnel.

“We know some people within our communities are much more at risk than others from the serious complications of COVID-19, which is why the new vaccine is being prioritised to protect them first.

“Whilst these first doses are given at fixed sites and occupational settings, and to protect our NHS and social care services, we must all continue to do our bit to prevent the spread of coronavirus: regular hand washing, social distancing, and wearing a face covering where required to protect yourself and others.”

Vice-chair of the COVID-19 Vaccine Programme Board, Richard Roberts from Public Health Wales

said: “It is a significant achievement that only 9 months after WHO announced the global pandemic that we now have the first safe and effective vaccine available for use in Wales, and other vaccines to follow. Everyone has been preparing for months to deliver the COVID-19 vaccine programme, and it is very exciting that we will be able to begin, once the final steps have been put in place so that the programme can be delivered safely.”



HOW TO USE A TABLET - FREE COURSE!

**Chat, browse and purchase safely on-line!
Monday, 11th January 2021 - Ruabon Village
Hall - 1pm-3pm**

Lockdown has led to many people not being able to shop online, unable to speak to their loved ones and generally feeling very alone and after Christmas, January can be a long month!

Ruabon Community Council working with Coleg Cambria

wants to help you get a little bit of normality back into your life. So why not join our Computer tablet course for beginners?

You do not even need your own tablet computer!

Starting on the **11th January 2021 at the Ruabon Village Hall**, we are planning a course to run on a Monday afternoon over **10 weeks for 2 hours between 1pm and 3pm**. Due to social distancing rules there will be **7 places available** on a first come first served basis but if we get more numbers, we can consider extra course provision.

USING A TABLET COMPUTER:

Course length:

10 weeks MONDAYS 1.00-3.00pm

Aimed at learners who want to become more confident using a tablet computer. Learners may bring their own devices or use one provided by the college during the course.

The course will cover:

- switching on a tablet
- navigating around a tablet and identifying the main parts
- using a multi touch screen
- using the internet to find out specific information (e.g. the news, weather, council information, public transport information)
- shopping online and knowing how to complete an online payment
- completing online forms
- staying safe online
- communicating with others online, e.g. using email
- downloading and using applications (apps)
- taking and viewing photos
- changing settings on a tablet

This is an accredited course. Learners will work towards an Agored Cymru - Using a Smart Device unit as part of the course. If you are interested, then please contact:

Paul Tincello on 07947 530140 or message Ruabon Community Council on Facebook.



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CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Traditional
Christmas Lunch
with all the
trimmings!

THURSDAY 10TH
DECEMBER 2020



Ruabon St Marys Parish Church is again hosting its annual Christmas Wish Tree exhibition. Ysgol Rhiwabon have again supported this by providing trees for display. One of the Christmas Trees has Christmas Wishes from pupils and staff hanging from the branches as messages of hope and goodwill to all. You can view it on the Ysgol Rhiwabon Website: The tree pictured here is a:

A CHEMISTREE

A Science Tree from our
Chemistry Department

For all the latest school and local community news,
please follow the link below.

<https://www.ysgolrhiwabon.co.uk/>

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - A FEW NOW JOINED!

THIS IS THE LINK FOR THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH PAGE WHERE YOU CAN REGISTER TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER. A GROUP OF PEOPLE IS NEEDED, PEOPLE TO ADMIN THE GROUP AS WELL AS PEOPLE TO ACTUALLY MONITOR THE AREA. PLEASE REGISTER IF YOU CAN HELP OUT. www.ourwatch.org.uk/join

Please email clerk@ruaboncommunitycouncil.gov.wales too so that we can get a group together.

Join Neighbourhood Watch! It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1

Visit www.ourwatch.org.uk/join and complete the online form

You will receive a email with a confirmation code, enter this code when prompted and continue completing the form

Once registered as a member, you need to join or start a scheme

To do this, log into your account by clicking on Login from our website or by entering <https://ourwatchmember.org.uk/> - Click on SCHEME ADMIN and you will be given the option to join a local scheme or if there isn't one which covers your road, then you can start a scheme by selecting the option at the bottom left of the screen.

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Become an ACTIVE member/lead for your scheme and make your area safer

Talk with your neighbours about keeping your community safer and raise awareness of issues. Actively make differences in your community and work together to be more resilient.

Your Local Neighbourhood Watch Scheme:

Contact details:



Neighbourhood Watch Network is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered in England and Wales, no: 11733349



Ruabon Community Council

Christmas in Ruabon 2020



Ruabon Community Council

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ONLINE EVENT

Launches on Facebook 4th December 6.30pm

St Mary's Church Ruabon

VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Launches on Facebook 4th December

Friends of Ruabon

NON STOP SANTA TOUR

5th December Ruabon

8th December Black Park

& Rhosymedre

9th December Pen-y-Cae

**10th December Plas Madoc
& Acrefair**

12th December Cefn Mawr

13th December Johnstown

Plus

**Friends of Ruabon
Virtual Frost Fayre**

**View all stalls on
Facebook**



ALL TOURS

EARLY EVENING

**For your safety
due to Covid-19:**

- **No Stops**
- **No Sweets**
- **Wave from
your doorstep**

**Further Details
Call Sarah
07789 727413**

Have your say



Age Cymru, Age UK and local Age Cymru partners are independent charities that work together in a partnership. We are currently reviewing the work of the partnership, discussing what we will do with, for and on behalf of older people, and the key areas where we want to make a difference in their lives.

It is very important that we include the opinions of older people in the review so, if you're a person aged 50+, we would really value the opportunity to speak with you about and receive your feedback.

If you would like to help us with this work we have set up two online meetings, to take place on Zoom, during December.

Online meetings are taking place:

Tuesday 8th December - 2.00 to 3.00pm

Thursday 10th December - 10.00 to 11.00am

To reserve your place call Rachel Dawson with your name, email address, preferred time slot and any access needs you have on

07943 186771, or email her at rachel.dawson@agecymru.org.uk

Please be aware that places are limited, and although we'll do our best to fit you into your preferred slot we may have to ask you to consider an alternative.

We can also provide printed questionnaires for those who prefer them, also available through Rachel.

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St Mary's Church



The Church is now open again for Sunday services at 9.30am every Sunday.

Up to date information can be found on our website:

<https://stmaryschurchruabon.co.uk/>

The Vicar's phone number is: 01978 824087 and her email address: (katherinetiltman@gmail.com).

Even more good news from Derek Jones:

- 1 The Ty Pawb Gallery is now open again and the Ty Pawb Open Exhibition is on show. I attach details and the link to find out more and FREE to attend booking details are at www.typawb.wales
- 2 Ty Pawb Friday Night Music is being live streamed at 7.30pm from the Ty Pawb Facebook page which can be viewed here <https://www.facebook.com/TyPawb>
- 3 Xplore have launched a Community Art Project for their new location between Henblas Street and Chester Street. Details are attached and their web site address is <https://xplorescience.co.uk/>

Given all the positive and encouraging news, we are becoming more hopeful that WSO music will be able to resume in 2021... possibly in May... but we are not getting beyond ourselves just yet.

Live Music Showcase remains on hold and a further discussion will take place in January as to what options may be to resume the Thursday lunchtime concerts. Gwener/Friday 12.00 – 5.00 Derek Jones +44 7889 379591



Xplore!

Canolfan Darganfod Gwyddoniaeth
Science Discovery Centre

COMMUNITY ART PROJECT

A piece of art will be constructed in the walkway by Henblas Street entrance by a local artist using as many ideas submitted from the community as possible.

All entries featured in the artwork will be invited to a special evening unveiling event.

A **Star Entry** will be chosen and receive a £20 gift voucher for our shop.

SUBMISSIONS WELCOME FROM ALL



Community Art Competition

A piece of art will be constructed in the walkway by Henblas Street using as many ideas submitted as possible.

How to enter? Draw a picture of your favourite interactive exhibit at Xplore! remember to include yourself in the drawing too. Drawings can be black & white or in colour and should be drawn in pencil, pen, crayon or felt tip. We are looking for A4 basic line drawings only.

Hand your drawing into a member of staff or email a copy of it to projects@xplorescience.co.uk.

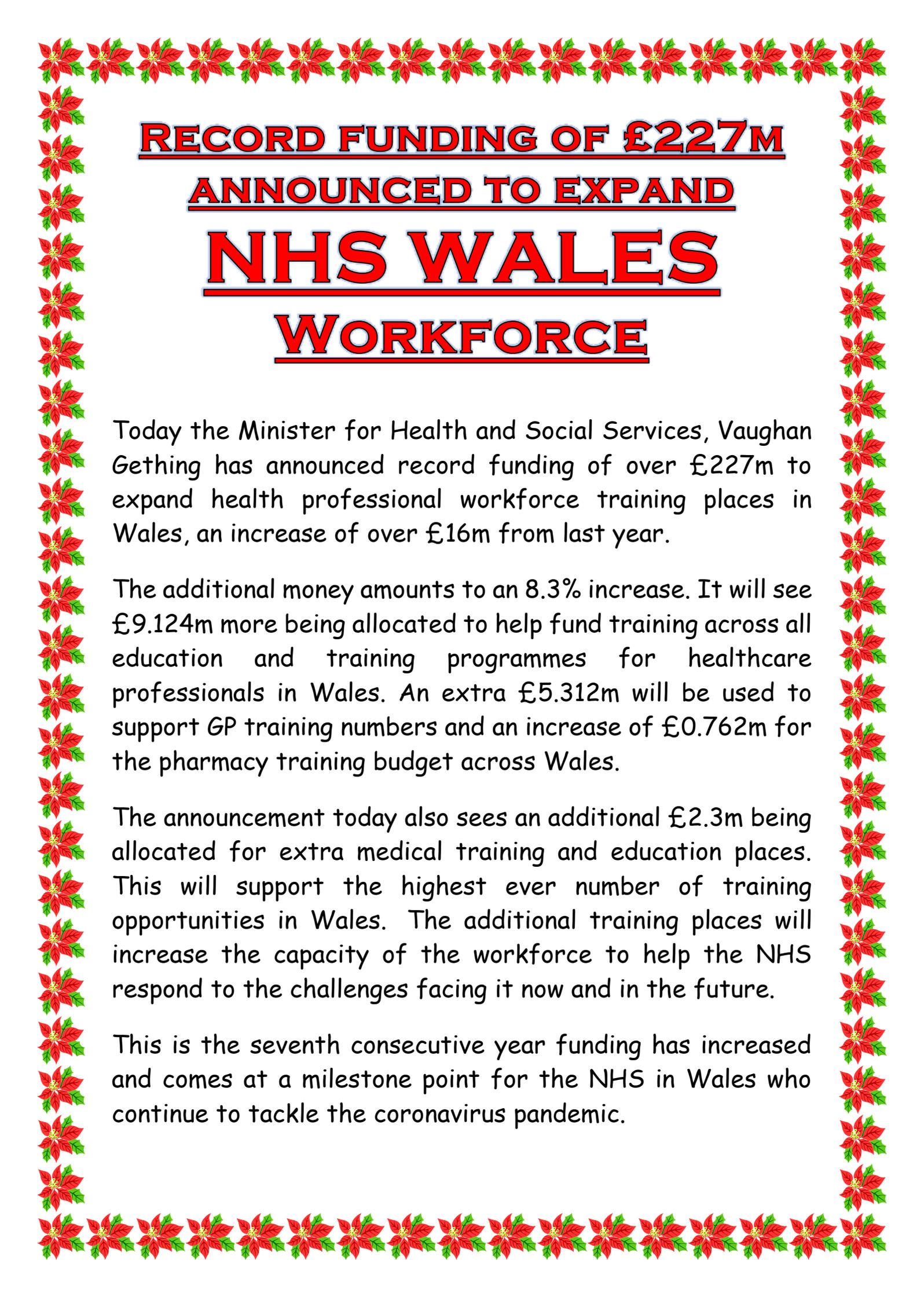
Submissions welcome from all

Make sure to submit your work before **17/01/2021** for it to be considered.

All entries featured in the artwork will be invited to a special evening unveiling event. A **Star Entry** will be chosen and receive a £20 gift voucher for our shop.

Please include your name and contact email on your submission





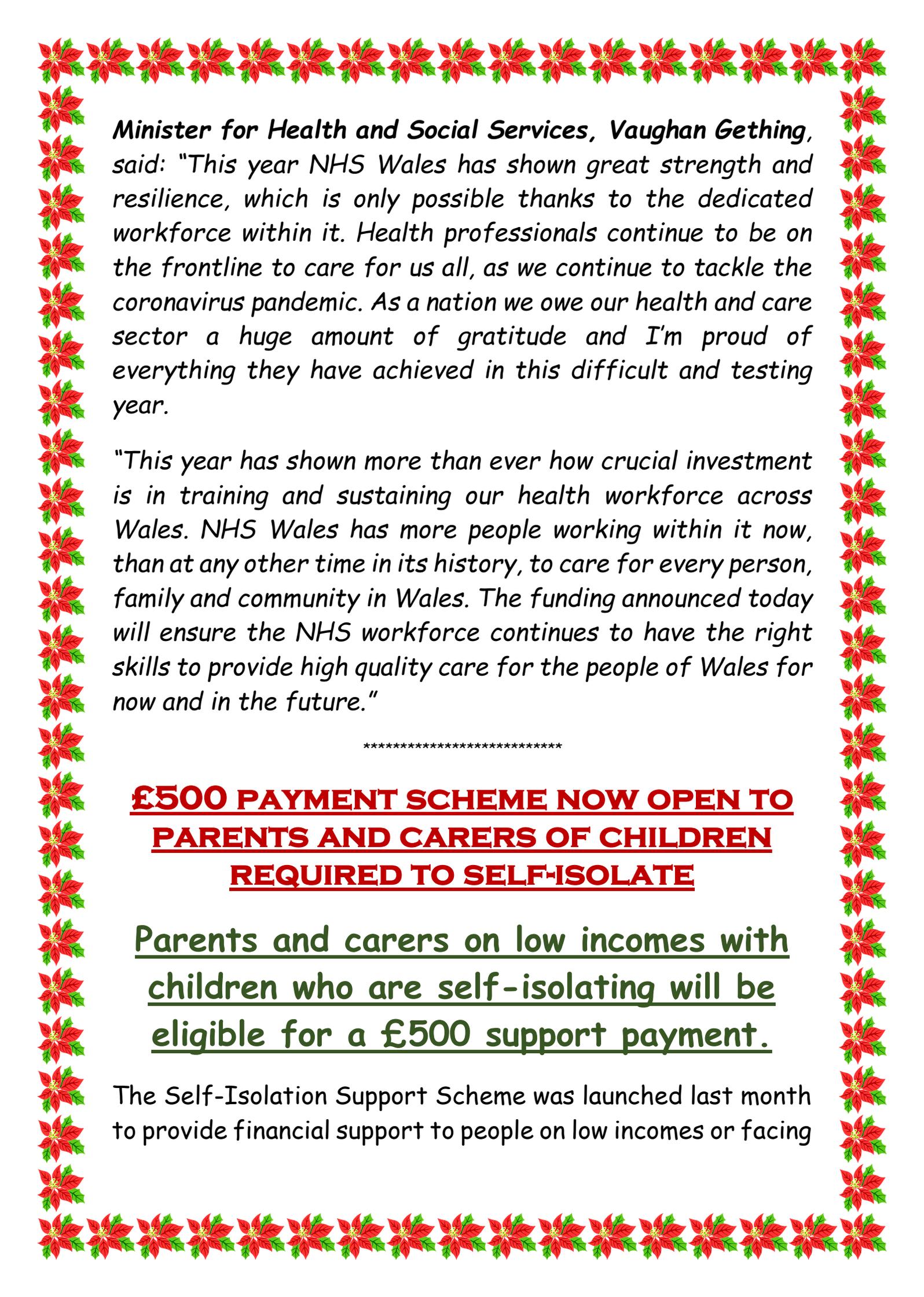
RECORD FUNDING OF £227M
ANNOUNCED TO EXPAND
NHS WALES
WORKFORCE

Today the Minister for Health and Social Services, Vaughan Gething has announced record funding of over £227m to expand health professional workforce training places in Wales, an increase of over £16m from last year.

The additional money amounts to an 8.3% increase. It will see £9.124m more being allocated to help fund training across all education and training programmes for healthcare professionals in Wales. An extra £5.312m will be used to support GP training numbers and an increase of £0.762m for the pharmacy training budget across Wales.

The announcement today also sees an additional £2.3m being allocated for extra medical training and education places. This will support the highest ever number of training opportunities in Wales. The additional training places will increase the capacity of the workforce to help the NHS respond to the challenges facing it now and in the future.

This is the seventh consecutive year funding has increased and comes at a milestone point for the NHS in Wales who continue to tackle the coronavirus pandemic.



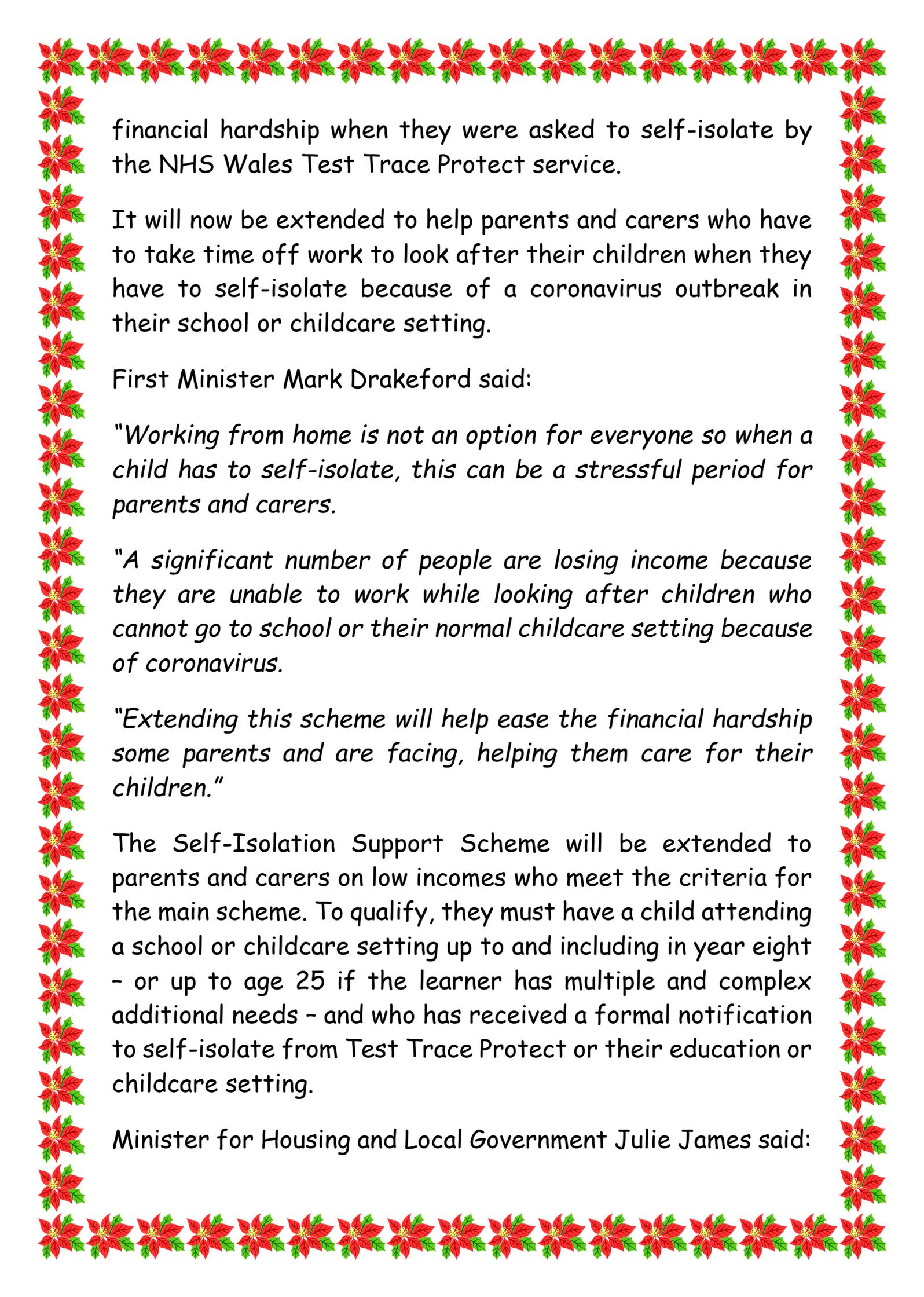
Minister for Health and Social Services, Vaughan Gething, said: "This year NHS Wales has shown great strength and resilience, which is only possible thanks to the dedicated workforce within it. Health professionals continue to be on the frontline to care for us all, as we continue to tackle the coronavirus pandemic. As a nation we owe our health and care sector a huge amount of gratitude and I'm proud of everything they have achieved in this difficult and testing year.

"This year has shown more than ever how crucial investment is in training and sustaining our health workforce across Wales. NHS Wales has more people working within it now, than at any other time in its history, to care for every person, family and community in Wales. The funding announced today will ensure the NHS workforce continues to have the right skills to provide high quality care for the people of Wales for now and in the future."

£500 PAYMENT SCHEME NOW OPEN TO PARENTS AND CARERS OF CHILDREN REQUIRED TO SELF-ISOLATE

Parents and carers on low incomes with children who are self-isolating will be eligible for a £500 support payment.

The Self-Isolation Support Scheme was launched last month to provide financial support to people on low incomes or facing



financial hardship when they were asked to self-isolate by the NHS Wales Test Trace Protect service.

It will now be extended to help parents and carers who have to take time off work to look after their children when they have to self-isolate because of a coronavirus outbreak in their school or childcare setting.

First Minister Mark Drakeford said:

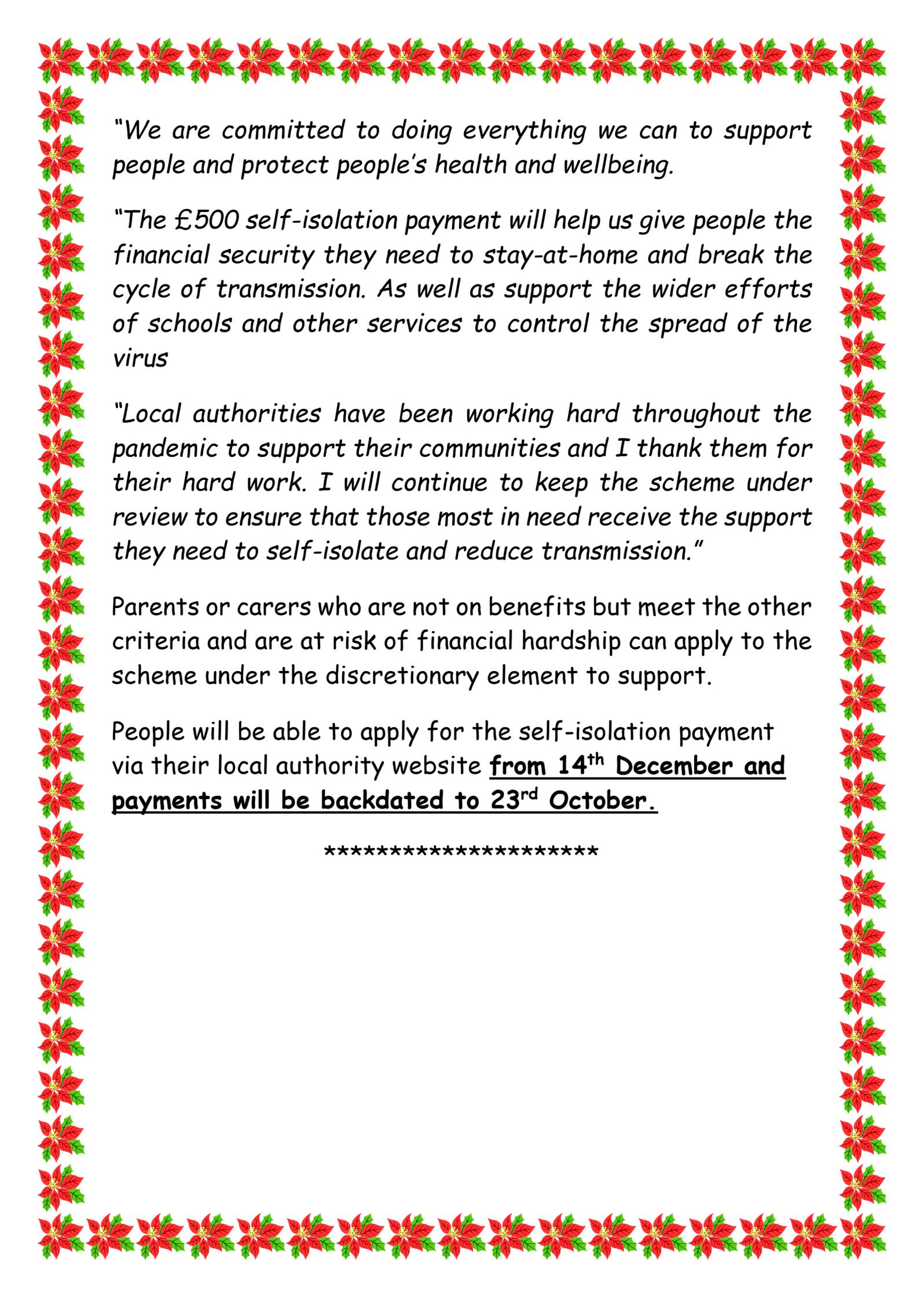
"Working from home is not an option for everyone so when a child has to self-isolate, this can be a stressful period for parents and carers.

"A significant number of people are losing income because they are unable to work while looking after children who cannot go to school or their normal childcare setting because of coronavirus.

"Extending this scheme will help ease the financial hardship some parents and are facing, helping them care for their children."

The Self-Isolation Support Scheme will be extended to parents and carers on low incomes who meet the criteria for the main scheme. To qualify, they must have a child attending a school or childcare setting up to and including in year eight - or up to age 25 if the learner has multiple and complex additional needs - and who has received a formal notification to self-isolate from Test Trace Protect or their education or childcare setting.

Minister for Housing and Local Government Julie James said:



"We are committed to doing everything we can to support people and protect people's health and wellbeing.

"The £500 self-isolation payment will help us give people the financial security they need to stay-at-home and break the cycle of transmission. As well as support the wider efforts of schools and other services to control the spread of the virus

"Local authorities have been working hard throughout the pandemic to support their communities and I thank them for their hard work. I will continue to keep the scheme under review to ensure that those most in need receive the support they need to self-isolate and reduce transmission."

Parents or carers who are not on benefits but meet the other criteria and are at risk of financial hardship can apply to the scheme under the discretionary element to support.

People will be able to apply for the self-isolation payment via their local authority website **from 14th December and payments will be backdated to 23rd October.**

News from Ruabon Library



Take a look at Elliot's Book Nook!
Mwynhewch eich darllen Nadoligaidd gan Lyfrgell Rhiwabon!
Enjoy your festive read from Ruabon Library!

"Whether it's a festive family saga, or a murder mystery is your favourite book.

If James Patterson is what you're after, or just can't cook."

If you, too need help with your poetry skills,
Ruabon Library is open for Order & Collect...

You can email ruabon.library@wrexham.gov.uk, or phone 01978 822002 with the books you would like to order, or complete an online form via www.wrexham.gov.uk/libraries, where you can also browse the library catalogue.

Staff will do their best to get your order as quickly as they can and will contact you to arrange an appointment. An appointment is needed for both collection and returns at the moment.

The staff will be more than happy to make a selection for you, or your children if you're undecided. Give us a call, we are happy to help!

Oriau Agor Dros Dro/Temporary Hours

Llun/Monday 12.00 – 5.00

Mawrth/Tuesday Ar gau/closed

Mercher/Wednesday 12.00 – 5.00

Iau/Thursday 9.00 – 1.15

Gwener/Friday 12.00 – 5.00



Public Health Wales Screening and COVID-19 vaccination engagement survey

<https://icc.gig.cymru/pynciau/gwybodaeth-ddiweddaraf-am-coronavirus-newydd-covid-19/>

<https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/latest-information-on-novel-coronavirus-covid-19/>

Thank you to everyone who has completed the survey so far. For those of you that haven't, there is still time to do so.

Closing date is the 11 December 2020.

Get in touch if you would like support from the Screening Engagement Team to engage with your service users to help complete the survey questions.

Your feedback will shape and inform how we engage with communities in the future.



Public Health Wales Screening and COVID-19 vaccination engagement survey

Dear Colleague,

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, some of the NHS screening services were paused. As services are re-instated, Public Health Wales' Screening Engagement and Vaccination Teams are reviewing the way in which community engagement is carried out.

As an organisation working with communities, we would like to know how you have adapted your services at this time. We would also like to find out how people feel about accessing the NHS screening and vaccination programmes at this time.

Please complete this short survey which will inform the development of our community engagement plans to help raise awareness of screening and vaccinations.

[Survey link](#)

The survey will close on **December 11 2020**. You may wish to engage with your service users to inform your response, or share with colleagues.

The results from this survey are anonymous and may be shared with other teams within Public Health Wales and external partners.

Thank you for your time.

Screening Engagement Team

#helo fy enw i ydy... #hello my name is...



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2020
Year of the Nurse and Midwife

Information on Community Help sent in by Karen Owen BCUHB (Communications)



NEWS RELEASE

HEALTH WATCHDOG ASKS PEOPLE TO TALK ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The independent health services watchdog for North Wales – the North Wales Community Health Council (NWCHC) - is keen to hear from people who have experiences of Mental Health Services in North Wales.

The NWCHC will be hosting a series of events on Zoom inviting NHS staff, patients, their carers and their families to talk about Mental Health Services. The first events will be taking place on 10th December and will focus on Community Mental Health Services. Further events will focus on other aspects of the Mental Health Services including;

- Older Persons Mental Health Care
- Substance Misuse Services
- Learning Disabilities
- Adults with Functional Mental Health Problems / Adult Psychiatric Services
- CAMHS & the Transition to Adult Services

Mr Geoff Ryall-Harvey, Chief Officer for NWCHC said *“This is an opportunity for people to have a say in the future of mental health care in North Wales. It is vital that we present the experiences and suggestions of all those who use mental health services to those who make decisions and policies”*

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Mr Ryall-Harvey went on to say *“We want to hear from as many as possible about experiences of Mental Health Services across North Wales. The events will be structured around a number of aspects such as compliments, concerns and complaints, care planning, care provision and communication. We understand that in some instances, people might wish to share experiences in a more confidential way and we will ensure that there is an opportunity for such discussions to take*

place privately”.

Should you wish to attend any of the events or for further information please contact the North Wales Community Health Council on tel: 01248 679284 (*nb there is an answerphone system in operation – please leave a message and a member of our team will be in touch*) or e-mail ppe@waleschc.org.uk You can also register your attendance via our SurveyMe app by using the following link:

<https://svy.at/ryz1g>

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NB Registration is on a first come, first served basis but we will put on additional sessions as necessary

ends



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If you know of anyone who would like to receive the Ruabon News Letter, each week by email (free of charge) please contact:

bremner.millhouse@btinternet.com.

This News Letter is only as good as the items received for publication. Please do keep sending in your articles and **'THANK YOU'**. Sybil Bremner.