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A footnote to yesterday's Drakefordgate that's being overlooked....

Wales has consciously moved away from the recommendations of the Joint Committee for Vaccinations and Immunisation (JCVI) instead it prioritised care home workers, and (largely) healthcare workersworkers

1. residents in a care home for older adults and their carers
2. all those 80 years of age and over and frontline health and social care workers
3. all those 75 years of age and over
4. all those 70 years of age and over and clinically extremely vulnerable individuals[footnote 1]
5. all those 65 years of age and over
6. all individuals aged 16 years[footnote 2] to 64 years with underlying health conditions which put them at higher risk of serious disease and mortality[footnote 3]
7. all those 60 years of age and over
8. all those 55 years of age and over
9. all those 50 years of age and over

2/ We know this because a memo from Len Richards, CEO of Cardiff & Vale Health Board, that states this:-

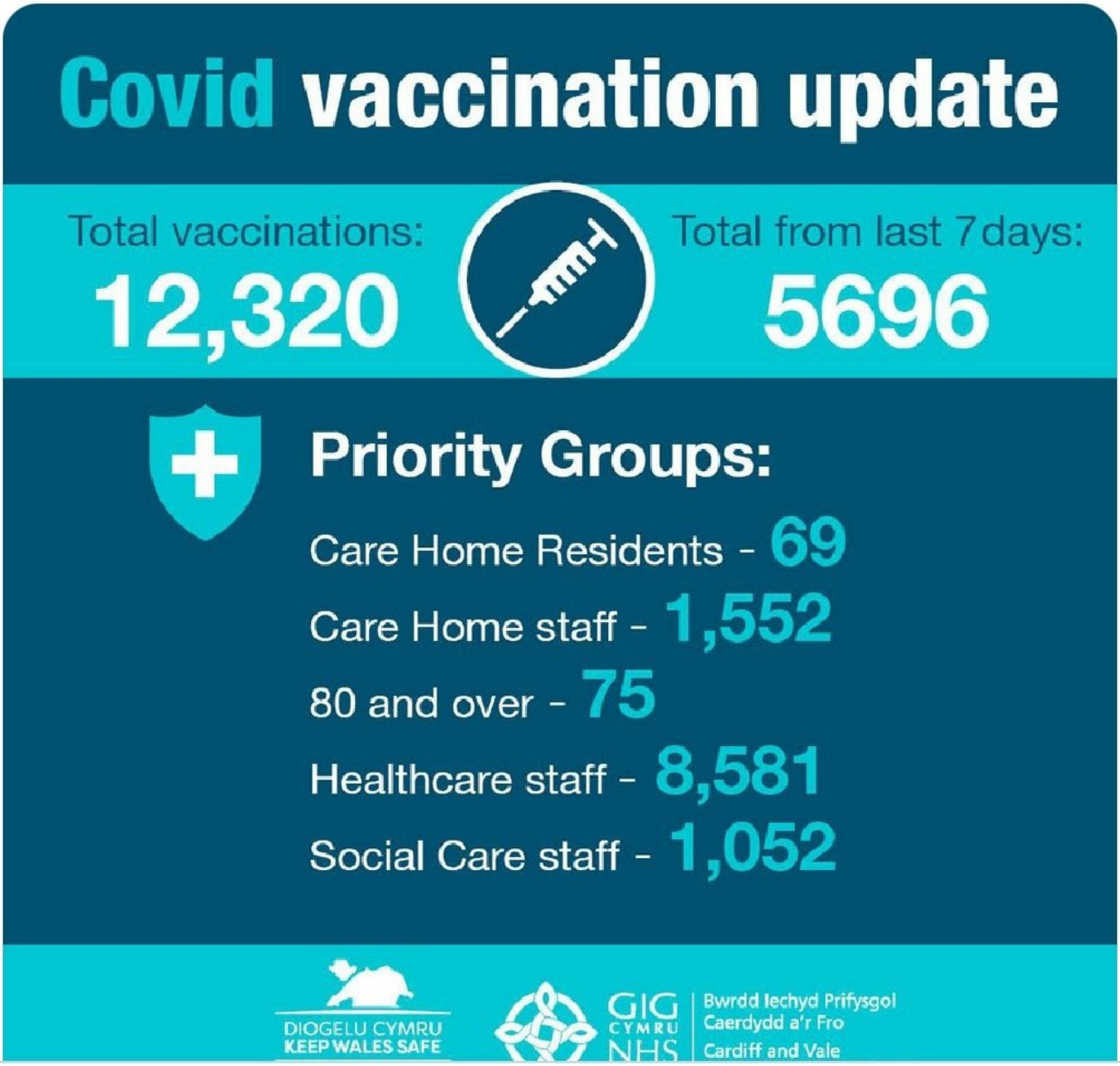
On that basis the delivery of vaccines has been limited throughout December to the Mass Vaccination Centre in Splott, and has been focused on the delivery of the vaccination of staff from both Health and Social Care services. This will continue over the rest of December, with a short break on the 25th, 26th & 27th. There has been a pilot study carried out in Betsi and Hywel Dda which involved delivering the Pfizer Vaccine within Care Home facilities and in doing so vaccinating Care Home residents. This has proved very staff intensive (given the logistical challenge) and at a time when the service is stretched for staff we are taking the next few weeks to consider what learning there is from that pilot. We are also mindful that the Oxford vaccine is imminent and the logistics for that vaccine are less restrictive and so offer us a more effective approach to the vaccination of care home residents and citizens in general.

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We know that this policy has been enacted as the Board has issued updates on its Twitter feed

Incredibly, on 11th January, @CV_UHB has only set aside 1.1% of the vaccines administered to those over 80 PLUS those resident in Care Homes

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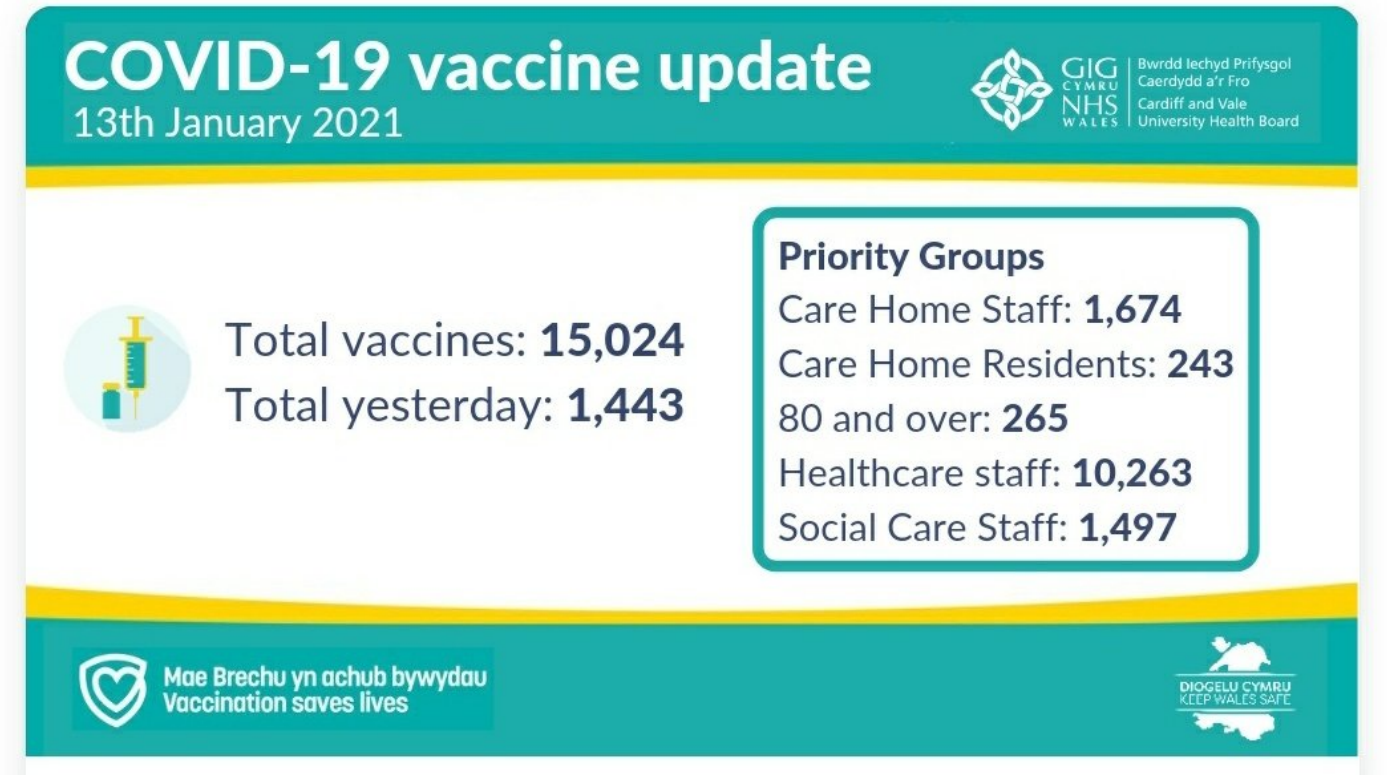
Covid vaccination update \U0001f447

To date we have administered 12,320 vaccinations.

Our activity this week includes:
\u2022GP Practices will be inviting those 80 and over to receive their vaccination. Please wait until you are contacted pic.twitter.com/BkDNdBg7RE

— Cardiff & Vale UHB (@CV_UHB) January 11, 2021

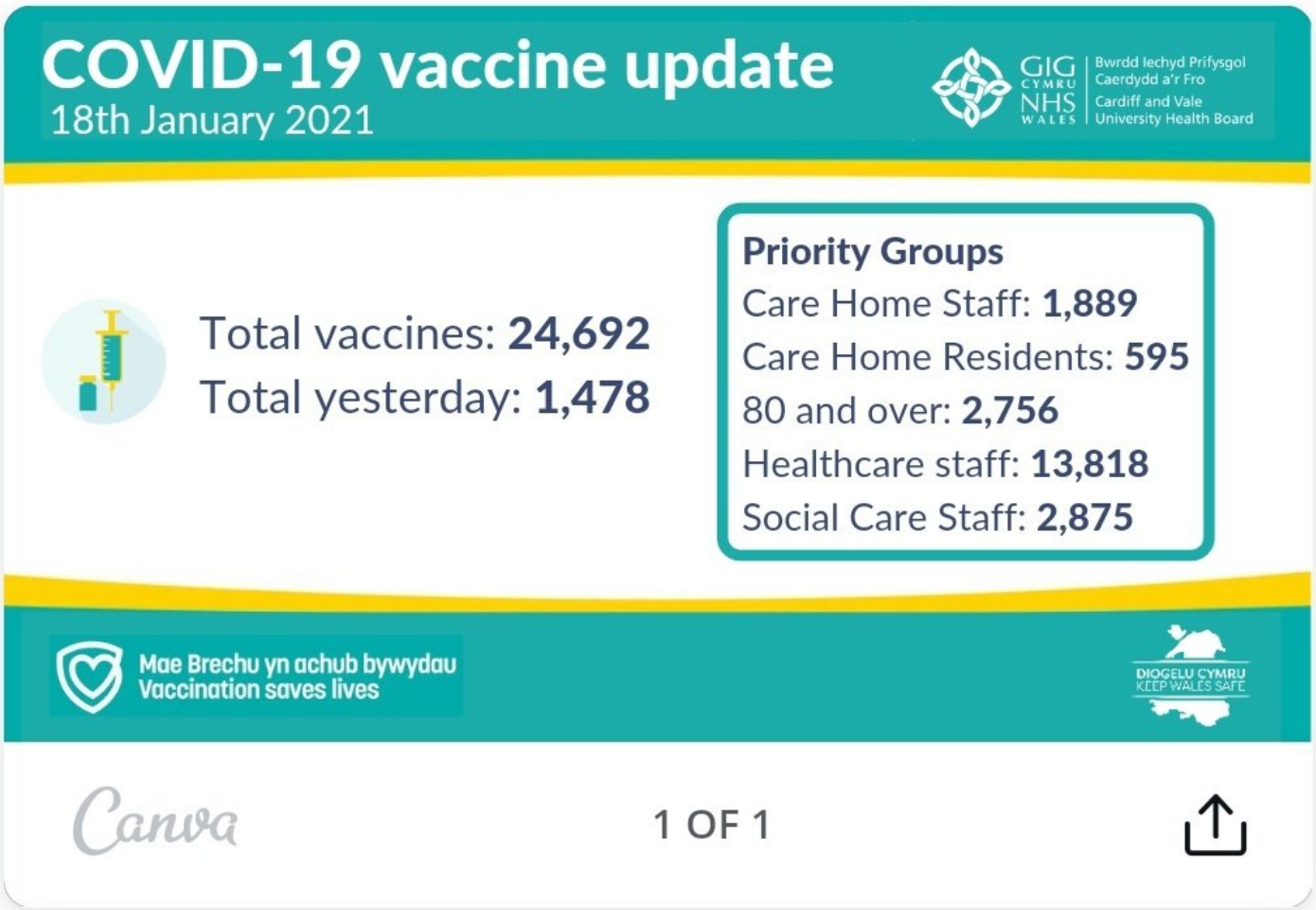
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Since then, the situation has improved. Although the Health Board had managed to vaccinate a further 1,682 healthcare and 445 social care workers 2 days later, only a further 364 vulnerable persons had been vaccinated leaving them at extended risk of contracting Covid 19



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Since then, a further 3,555 healthcare and 1,378 social care workers have been vaxed. But only 2,843 vulnerable persons.

Overall just 13.6% of vaccines have gone to these groups. We know that overall England has allocated 56% of its vaccines.



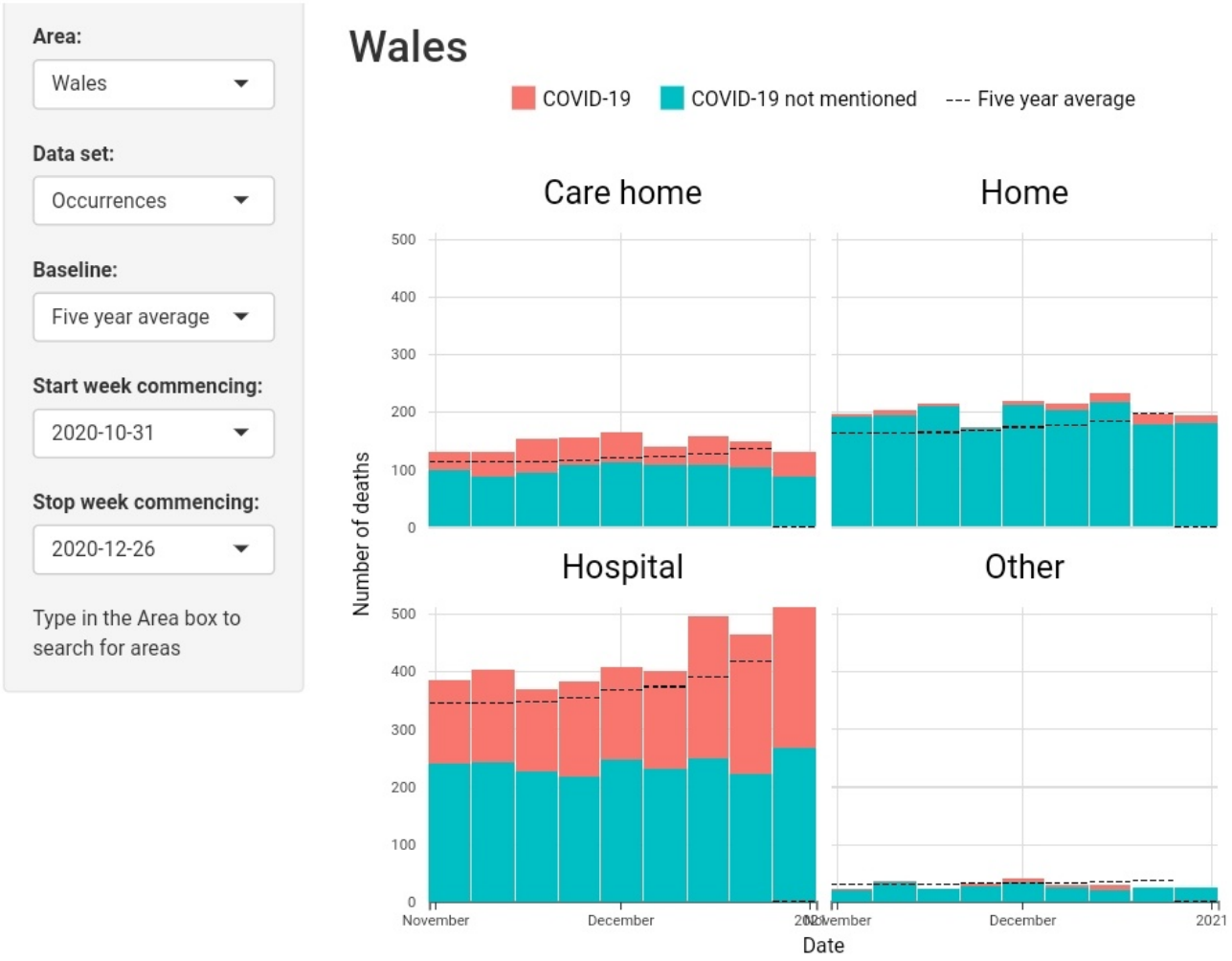
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Why is this important?

A look at mortality data for Wales paints a dismal picture.

36% excess deaths in Care Homes since the end of October. That doesn't include care home residents who may have been transferred to hospitals, and then sadly died.

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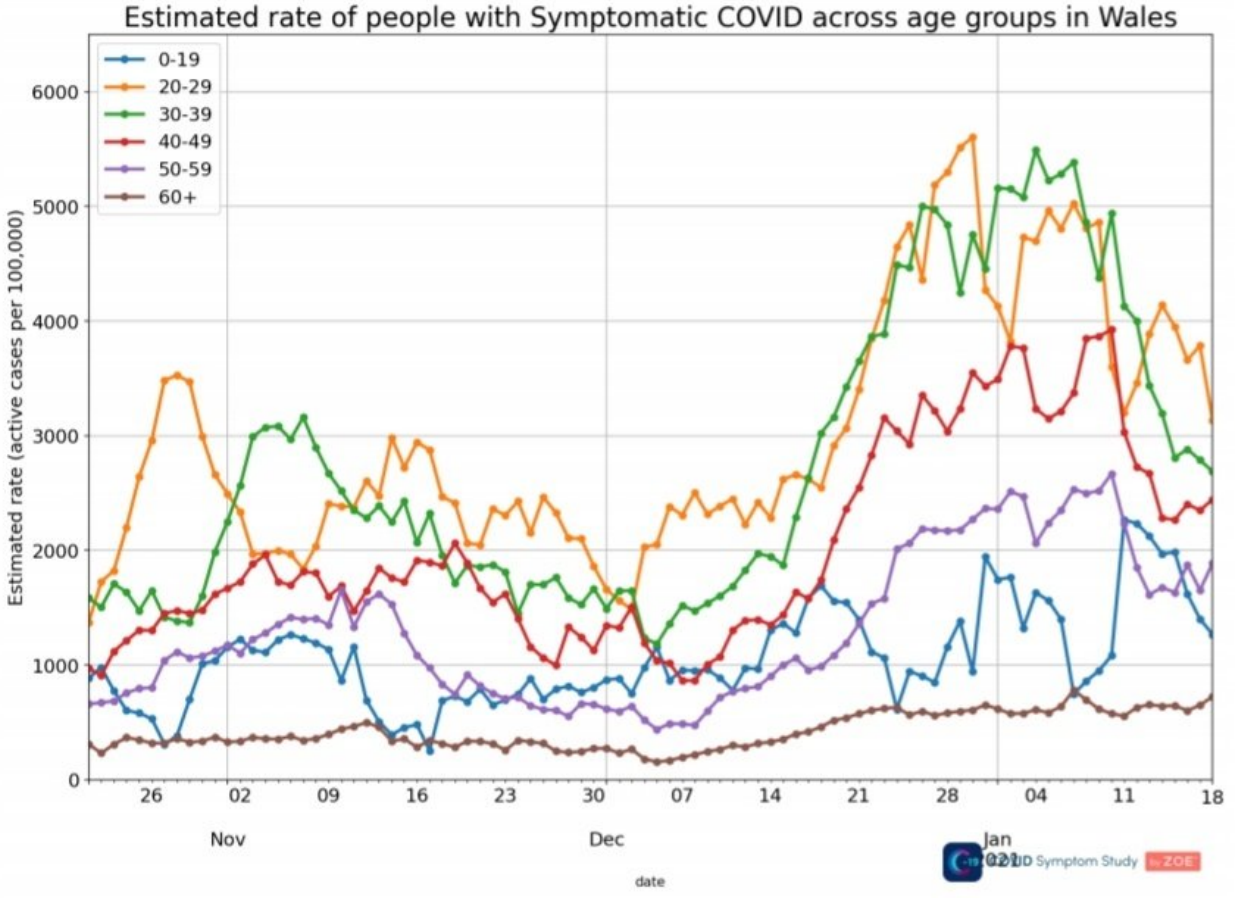


Place of death	All causes	COVID-19	COVID-19 not mentioned	Five year average	Excess deaths	non-COVID excess
Care home	1,307	402	905	962	345	-57
Home	1,843	89	1,754	1,390	453	364
Hospital	3,819	1,682	2,137	2,942	877	-805
Other	256	31	225	258	-2	-33
Total	7,225	2,204	5,021	5,552	1,673	-531

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And then the kicker....

@Join_ZOE produces covid reports based on 4.5M participants reporting their health. It has proved a highly predictive indicator of health (or not)

Todays report has highlighted that the over 60 community in Wales continues to see increased rates



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Wales is the ONLY area of UK at national or regional basis, where rates are ■■ in this population group.

While correlation doesn't equal causation, given that Wales is 3 weeks ahead of the rest of UK, and all its other cohorts are ■■ , it does stand out as unusual

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This is a cataclysmic error of judgement by Welsh Government and Public Health Wales

We will seemingly continue to pay the price for this for weeks to come , whereas hospital admissions in England are falling, and hopefully amongst the vaccinated community in particular.