

Dear All,

I know that many constituents will be concerned and perhaps even confused by the coverage of the coronavirus which is now circulating across the UK. As your local Assembly Member, I will continue to support constituents and communities to the best of my ability in the coming days, weeks and months, including sharing updates on the Welsh Government response to the virus.

We are in unprecedented times and it is inevitable that we will have to change the way we live, work and socialise, all to protect one another as best as possible. We will have to find new ways of offering support to our family, friends, neighbours, local businesses and communities, so that we can come through this stronger than before and support our NHS.

The situation around coronavirus develops on a daily basis, with more and more people becoming affected and Government guidance adapting on a rapid basis. Even as I type the situation is changing and the guidance being adapted to make sure it is as current as possible. To ensure that you and your loved ones receive the most up to date information, I have included a series of links at the bottom of this email.

### **Welsh Government Daily Briefings**

Over the past fortnight the Welsh Government has been holding daily briefings which have been live streamed online via the Welsh Government's Twitter and Facebook feed. However, from now on the briefings will be covered live by **BBC One Wales at 12.30pm every day**.

I, alongside my Welsh Government colleagues, are working with our partners in local government and counter-parts across the whole of the UK to coordinate a government response to support all aspects of society – from our isolated and vulnerable elderly, to our businesses and emergency services.

### **Online updates and getting in touch**

Based on public health advice I have taken the decision to close my office to the public, but as ever my team are accessible and available to constituents via [email](#) and telephone (01352 762102). I will continue to offer support and advice, as well as signposting to organisations offering services to help those in need during the times ahead. I will also continue to share information through my social media accounts and would also ask you to like and share these. My Facebook page is [www.facebook.com/hannahblythynam](https://www.facebook.com/hannahblythynam) and my Twitter account @hannahblythyn

### **Support for the most vulnerable**

More than ever our most vulnerable friends, family and neighbours will need us. Self-isolation for those at risk, whether due to their age or health conditions, could become a lonely and ultimately damaging experience. That is why my team will be available via telephone for those who are in need of a chat so that their human contact continues. I have also directly written to over 1000 constituents to offer them the support of my office as they have to self-isolate in the weeks and months ahead. If you know of someone who may require my support then please let me know and I will get in touch.

The Welsh Government has announced an initial fund of **£24m to support Wales' voluntary sector in response to the Coronavirus pandemic**. The funding will provide immediate support for Wales' most vulnerable and help coordinate the thousands of willing volunteers wanting to help others during the current crisis. People can register their interest to volunteer safely during the coronavirus pandemic at [www.volunteering-wales.net](http://www.volunteering-wales.net) There are also opportunities for people who are self-isolating to get involved, for example taking part in phone and social media befriending schemes.

### **Support for people self-isolating and most at risk**

A further £15m from Welsh Government will ensure people in Wales, who not able to leave their home, are able to get direct deliveries of food and other essential items to their door. New weekly boxes of essential food will be provided to those people who have been sent a letter by the NHS and who are 'shielding'. The Welsh Government is also working with major retailers to address concerns with regards to access to and availability of deliveries.

There are approximately 75,000 people in Wales identified as being at very high risk of severe illness from coronavirus. This week, each have been sent a letter from Wales' Chief Medical Officer which includes clear advice to stay at home for 12 weeks – and a telephone number for their local council. This is the number they should ring if they need a home delivery of food and/or medicines and other essential items to their door.

I have also compiled a list of delivery and support services below/attached. Please do let me know of any other services to add to the list.

### **Still here to support and serve constituents**

If I can be of any assistance whatsoever, please do not hesitate to get in touch – even though my constituency office is now closed, I am still on hand to support and serve constituents in these unprecedented circumstances. I would also be happy to provide you with updates as the situation around coronavirus evolves. If you would like to receive these updates please get in touch with my office.

Take care and stay safe,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hannah". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

**Hannah Blythyn AM | AC  
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### **Links to official guidance and useful information:**

- Latest public information on the virus from Public Health Wales - <https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/latest-information-on-novel-coronavirus-covid-19/#cases>
- Welsh Government's coronavirus webpage with links to the latest advice, ministerial statements and announcements - <https://gov.wales/coronavirus>
- Daily updates from Public Health Wales - <https://phw.nhs.wales/news/public-health-wales-statement-on-novel-coronavirus-outbreak/>
- Online symptom checker from NHS Direct Wales - <https://www.nhsdirect.wales.nhs.uk/SelfAssessments/symptomcheckers/?ScName=CoronaVirusCOVID19&SCTId=175>
- FAQs from Public Health Wales - <https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/latest-information-on-novel-coronavirus-covid-19/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-faqs-english/>
- FAQs from the World Health Organisation - <https://www.who.int/news-room/q-a-detail/q-a-coronaviruses>
- Latest public information on the virus from the World Health Organisation - <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>
- Latest travel advice from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>
- Information about how the response to the virus is being coordinated across the UK - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

### **Delivery Services:**

#### **Nanny Biscuit's Flintshire Corona Virus Help Group**

Tel:- 07726 230989

E-mail:- [Info.nannybiscuit@gmail.com](mailto:Info.nannybiscuit@gmail.com)

Facebook:- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1188575248200787/about/>

#### **Mold Community Shop**

Tel:- 01352 754792

E-mail:- [danielowencmold@hotmail.com](mailto:danielowencmold@hotmail.com)

Facebook:- <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10221768426745369&set=gm.1196931614031817&type=3&theater&ifg=1>

#### **Lester's Farm Shop, Buckley**

[Tel:-](tel:01244540001) 01244 540001

Website:- [www.lestersfarmshop.co.uk](http://www.lestersfarmshop.co.uk)

Facebook:- <https://www.facebook.com/Lesters-Farm-Shop-355209128188/>

#### **Jones Price Ltd Mold**

[Tel:-](tel:01352758861) 01352 758861

E-mail:- [tracey@jonesprice.co.uk](mailto:tracey@jonesprice.co.uk)

Website:- [www.jonesprice.co.uk](http://www.jonesprice.co.uk)

Facebook:- @jonespriceltd

#### **Jones Holidays, Flint**

Tel: 01352 733292

E-mail: [help@jonesholidays.co.uk](mailto:help@jonesholidays.co.uk)

Facebook: @jonesholidaysnw

**Griffiths Pharmacy**

Tel: 01244 822977

Website: <https://griffithspharmacy.co.uk/services>

Facebook: @Griffithspharmacy

**Excel Taxis, Mold**

Tel: 01352 741715

**Tails a Waggin, Mold**

Tel: 01352 578535

E-mail: [hello@tailsagginmold.co.uk](mailto:hello@tailsagginmold.co.uk)

Facebook: @TailsaWagginMold

**Chrysalis Pets, Buckley**

Tel: 01244 549423

E-mail: [admin@chrysalispets.co.uk](mailto:admin@chrysalispets.co.uk)

Facebook: @ChrysalisPets

**Support and Information Services:****Kim Inspire**

Tel: 01352 872189

Website: [www.kim-inspire.org.uk](http://www.kim-inspire.org.uk)

Facebook: [Facebook.com/kiminspire](https://www.facebook.com/kiminspire)

**The FDF centre for the Independent Living (formally Flintshire Disability Forum)**

Tel: 01352 756618

E-mail: [admin@thefdf.org.uk](mailto:admin@thefdf.org.uk)

Website: <http://www.thefdf.org.uk/about/>

**Flintshire Local Voluntary Council**

Tel: 01352 744000

Website: You can register to volunteer here - <https://bit.ly/2JgrX3L>

Facebook: @FLVCpage

**Age Connects North East Wales**

Tel: 08450 549969

E-mail: [info@ageconnects.newales.org.uk](mailto:info@ageconnects.newales.org.uk)

Website: [ageconnectsnewales.org.uk](http://ageconnectsnewales.org.uk)

Facebook: acnewales

**Citizens Advice Flintshire**

Tel: 03444 772020

Website: [flintshirecab.org.uk](http://flintshirecab.org.uk)

Facebook: @CitizensAdviceFlintshire

**DASU (Domestic Abuse Safety Unit)**

Tel: 01244 830436

Website: [dasunorthwales.co.uk](http://dasunorthwales.co.uk)