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**URGENT: TIMELINE REGARDING THE PROCUREMENT OF EVUSHELD – PREVENTATIVE COVID-19 TREATMENT**

Dear [INSERT NAME OF MP],

My name is [INSERT YOUR NAME] and I am a constituent of [INSERT YOUR CONSTITUENCY]. I am writing to you because I am concerned about the Government’s decision-making process around Evusheld, a prophylactic (preventative) drug approved by the MHRA that protects against Covid-19. It has the potential to be the most important pharmaceutical intervention for immunocompromised people since the start of the pandemic, for whom [vaccines aren’t always as effective](https://bloodcancer.org.uk/support-for-you/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-vaccine-blood-cancer/covid-vaccine-efficacy-blood-cancer/).

Many immunocompromised people like [ME / MY LOVED ONE], who has [TYPE OF BLOOD CANCER], are still shielding after two years because we are at disproportionate risk of dying from Covid. [ONS data](https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/healthandsocialcare/conditionsanddiseases/articles/coronaviruscovid19latestinsights/deaths) shows that between January and March, one in 22 people who died from Covid had blood cancer, even though [WE / THEY] make up only one in 270 people in the UK. While there are antiviral treatments, these have been difficult and sometimes impossible for some people with blood cancer to access.

Evusheld therefore offers a vital way for people with blood cancer to be protected, and to allow [US / THEM] to finally stop shielding and begin to ‘live with Covid’ as the rest of the population has. I understand that the Government is conducting testing on whether Evusheld provides enough protection against the Omicron subvariants (despite [already-existing research](https://www.nature.com/articles/s41586-022-04594-4_reference.pdf)).

However, it’s incredibly distressing not having any semblance of a timeline for when this testing might be completed, and when the DHSC might decide whether to order Evusheld. It is concerning that Evusheld has not yet been ordered, particularly considering the strength of current research and the drug’s rollout in comparable countries such as the United States, France, and Israel.

To address these concerns, **please can you write to the Secretary of State on my behalf?** I ask you to urge him to (1) procure Evusheld and (2) provide a timeline detailing the following:

* When the UKHSA testing is predicted to be completed;
* When DHSC will make a decision based on this testing;
* If DHSC decides to make Evusheld available, when it estimates it will be procured and;
* When DHSC predicts the population will be able to access Evusheld.

This is an urgent matter. A preventative drug like Evusheld could dramatically change the lives of the 230,000 people with blood cancer in the UK. If effective, Evusheld will be [OUR / THEIR] version of the vaccine. I look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]