# This letter is for people who have been shielding. You need to adjust the MP name. Please also add details of your story where highlighted. Please ensure that the statement is truthful with respect to your situation.

Dear MP Name,

I am writing as one of your constituents about a serious matter that Lord Andrew Lansley and The Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt on the Today Programme called a “failure of government”.

I am one of the 500,000 people in this country who do not respond to Covid vaccines because of my medical condition. I therefore remain at severe risk of serious illness and death. There is a new drug available and authorised in the UK since March called Evusheld that would protect me. But a flawed recent Department of Health decision has decided that it will not be part of the winter strategy.

I am absolutely desperate. I have been in total isolation for 2.5 years now, unable to see family and friends. There are now anti-virals, but people have been saying that they are struggling to access them, so it isn’t safe. It is like the first lockdown never ended for us and it is more than I can bear. DETAILS OF SITUATION HERE “I AM LIVING APART FROM MY DAUGHTER ETC”. There is an answer, but the DHSC has decided not to buy it.

Please don't tell me that booster vaccines are being rolled out and that I can rely on antivirals. Vaccines are NOT effective for me and I know from experience and that of many others that timely access to them is a lottery, that as someone in my position I am not happy to rely on, as I am sure you wouldn't be if the situation was reversed.

The DHSC process has been conducted behind closed doors by a panel of unnamed people that has conducted an unpublished review with no available minutes or evidence, which contradicts the published literature. The decision was made before the most recent international studies were available. The DHSC says that the “RAPID C-19” panel conducted this review but members of that panel, such as Professor Carlo Palmieri, have already come forward saying that they were not asked. DHSC has instead passed this to a NICE process that will take a year to complete. No other Covid therapy was made to take this route. As a result, I will spend a third Christmas in isolation, shielding away from my family to avoid the risk of dying. It is beyond the bounds of what I can take.

Currently, 25% of ICU capacity in the NHS is consumed by immunocompromised patients. The most recent studies show that we can reduce this by 92% using Evusheld. 32 other countries looked at the same data as DHSC and came to the opposite conclusion that this works and more and more real world data is becoming available to prove this. Furthermore, Evusheld is really very inexpensive compared to the other treatments that we give people. We are heading into the winter with the NHS already stretched and this is one way the problem could be lessened, but it's being ignored. Why aren't you protecting the most vulnerable like me to avoid me getting ill and to keep us out of hospital, and keep the beds free for other patients?

So something has gone very, very wrong in the decision-making process here, as 2 former Conservative health secretaries have already said.

I would ask you, please, to write to the Secretary of State for Health to ask him to reverse this terrible decision. It is perfectly possible, at this point, for this to be set right.This issue affects me so deeply that I will seriously rethink who has my and my family's votes at the next election if this is not resolved quickly.

With thanks for your consideration,

Constituent Name