# 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,

Lord Andrew Lansley and The Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt have called the Department of Health’s decision not to use a drug called Evusheld in the winter to protect the most vulnerable a “failure of government”

I am one of the 500k people who cannot respond to Covid vaccines. My life is currently unbearable, with ongoing shielding to protect myself. DETAILS OF SITUATION HERE “I AM LIVING APART FROM MY DAUGHTER ETC”. Evusheld is the answer that I have been hoping for since the start of the pandemic. But the Department of Health has decided not to buy it.

32 other countries are using this drug. 125 clinicians in the UK wrote a clinical consensus statement, saying that it should be made available. I do not understand why I am being denied my life back when there is so much support for this approach. The NICE referral that the DHSC has made will take a year, by which time it will be 3.5 years of isolation. No other covid drug was made to go through this process. The new Moderna vaccine has been approved within two months after being tested on only 437 people. And it does not work on the immunosuppressed. Why is Evusheld being held to impossible higher standards?

The DHSC decision also seems to have been made before the most recent studies were published. Recent real-world data from Israel showed a 92% reduction in hospitalisation. This was not considered. Given that 25% of ICU beds in the NHS at the moment are immunocompromised people, surely it would make sense to use Evusheld to reduce this pressure?

The DHSC has also not published its review, and there is no transparency in the procedure.This is why senior Conserative figures are saying that it is a failure of the government.

Please don't tell me about vaccines and antivirals. The vaccines are ineffective for me, so boosters do nothing to protect me. I also know that getting the antivirals within the critical timescale is a lottery as many CDMUs are closed at the weekend, and these cannot even be prescribed with the other drugs I need for my condition. Even if this was not the case, why should I have to get ill, with a more serious risk of a severe outcome, when there is a drug that would protect me in the first place? Surely you can see the sense this makes.

I'm sure you can appreciate the desperation of my situation and the effect this is having on my mental health, that this needs to be sorted quickly. If not I am sure the long term effects of this will be seen for years to come. I will also be most definitely be considering my vote in the next election, dependent on this outcome, as will the other members of my family. This is the most serious of life issues for me – but it not only impacts my life, but my family members’ too.

Please could you write to the Secretary of State for Health on my behalf, to ask him to overrule this terrible decision and to do the right thing for so many people, not just me.

This is a situation that has an avoidable outcome, and it will look really bad in the media when there is a real lack of beds available in the NHS due to the fact we have not been protected. We have a chance to address this now.

Thank you,

Constituent Name