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National Director, Health Care Associated Infections	Department of Health	24 hours
Health Care Associated Infections Policy Team Leader	Department of Health	24 hours
Statistician	Department of Health	24 hours
Senior Press Officer	Department of Health	24 hours
Press Officer	Department of Health	24 hours
Chief Medical Officer	Welsh Government	24 hours
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