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**PQ 43251/20:** To ask the Minister for Health his plans to work with an organisation (details supplied) as part of the roll out of the Covid-19 vaccine programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**Dear Deputy Shortall,**

We have discussed this with the COVID Immunisation Programme Working Group and in particular Mr. David Walsh, Senior Responsible Officer for the Vaccine Process & Workforce workstream, who responded:

Community Pharmacists have played a key role in the delivery of the Influenza vaccine in recent times. The HSE recognises the potential of this channel for the delivery of the COVID-19 vaccine also.

The HSE will commence an engagement in the coming days with appropriate representatives of the profession to further develop this option.

I trust the above answers your query.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joan Gallagher".

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