



June 29th 2020

Deputy Flaherty,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ Number 10848/20: "To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider permitting local public health nurses to take bloods and administer the flu jab in the homes of elderly persons and especially those suffering from dementia (details supplied) in advance of the winter flu jab programme"

Joe Flaherty

Dear Deputy Flaherty,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for response.

The Health Service Executive are currently planning the introduction of services which were reduced or ceased during the public health emergency. This planning is also taking into consideration the requirement to address service provision during the winter months and the challenges associated.

A key strategic priority in planning is the concept of "Home First" whereby services can be delivered, where possible and in safe manner, in people's homes. In this regard consideration will be given to any relevant services to include those identified in the PQ.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Siobhán McArdle,
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