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PQ 18346-21 To ask the Minister for Health the way Covid-19 vaccines will be provided to persons in group 4 of the vaccine schedule who are housebound; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy McDonald

Thank you for your representation. The HSE is fully committed to ensuring all patients in Cohort 4 gain access to the COVID-19 vaccine as required.

There are a small number of people who, due to illness or frailty, are housebound and cannot avail of the existing 'community call' arrangements to attend the GP practice. The HSE is putting in place a standardised approach to ensure that arrangements are in place to ensure that those patients over 70 and are housebound receive the vaccine. The HSE issued correspondence to GPs on the 4th of March asking them to identify those who are housebound so that arrangements can be made in conjunction with the National Ambulance Service for these people to be vaccinated.

I hope this provides you with assistance,

Yours faithfully

Sharon Hayden
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