



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte  
Health Service Executive

Rannan na nOspideil Ghearmhíochaine  
Aonad 4A – Áras Dargan  
An Ceantar Theas  
An Bothar Mileata  
Cill Mhaighneann  
BÁC 8

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Deputy Alan Farrell  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2.

***PQ 18391/21\* To ask the Minister for Health if patients in category 4 will be identified by their attending hospital; if not, if they will need to identify themselves to their hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter.\****

Dear Deputy Farrell,

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

As you are aware, the Government Vaccination Rollout strategy has been published and regular status updates can be found on the HSE website here: <https://www2.hse.ie/screening-and-vaccinations/covid-19-vaccine/rollout-covid-19-vaccines-ireland.html>

I wish to confirm that vaccination of Cohort 4 patients has begun. This is a complex group as it includes a large range of patients with medical conditions that deem them of very high risk. Identification of the patient population who fall under cohort 4 is being undertaken by the treating physicians / consultants in both the acute and private hospitals. Patients do not need to identify themselves to the acute hospitals and will be contacted in due course.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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