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PQ 19668-21 To ask the Minister for Health the reason patients with MS that are being told by their consultants that they have a low immune system are not on the list of patients being called for the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -

Dear Deputy Healy-Rae

Thank you for your representation. The HSE is rolling out the vaccine allocation programme in line with the National Immunisations Advisory Committee (NIAC). People who are immunocompromised due to an underlying disease or treatment are included in cohort 4 once clinically agreed that they fit into this cohort.

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/39038-provisional-vaccine-allocation-groups/#people-aged-16-69-with-a-medical-condition-that-puts-them-at-very-high-risk-of-severe-disease-and-death>

If people do not fit into this group they will then receive the vaccine based on their age,

I hope this provides you with assistance,

Yours faithfully

Sharon Hayden
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