



**26<sup>th</sup> April, 2021**

Deputy Brian Stanley,  
Kildare Street,  
Dáil Eireann,  
Dublin 2

**Re: PQ 19985/21**

PQ 19985/21 – “To ask the Minister for Health if the home vaccination scheme is operational for those who are seriously incapacitated and cannot leave their home; and if not, when this scheme will commence. -Brian Stanley”

Dear Deputy Stanley,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to your above Parliamentary Questions which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position:

At present, the National Ambulance Service (NAS) is working to vaccinate those over 70 who are housebound and have been referred by their GP to the home vaccination programme. As we progress into age based vaccinations, it is recognised that there may be a small number of people who may require their vaccination to be administered at home. The HSE is considering the pathways for the vaccination of this group of people in the community. A vaccination pathway for housebound patients under the age of 70 years is under consideration. As soon as these plans have been agreed a communication will issue to advise how to avail of this programme of vaccination. Plans are progressing and we are hoping to start this programme of vaccination in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Walsh'.

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**David Walsh**  
**Workstream Lead Vaccination Process and Workforce**