

## **BY EMAIL ONLY**

## **Deputy Alan Kelly**

Dáil Éireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2 Email:

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PQ 20265-21 To ask the Minister for Health if there is a scheme in place to ensure that new entrants to nursing homes will be vaccinated upon arrival following the completion of the Covid-19 vaccination programme in nursing homes earlier in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -

## **Dear Deputy**

Thank you for your representation. As you will be aware the vaccination programme is being rolled out based on the National Immunisation Advisory Committee (NIAC) guidance. The programme is an opt in programme with a significant uptake from people in cohort 1 and 3. The majority of people who would be moving into nursing home accommodation should be vaccinated at this stage of the roll out of the programme. If they haven't received a vaccine for various reasons then the option to receive a vaccine can be made available.

I hope this provides you with assistance,

Yours faithfully

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