

4th May 2021

Deputy Michael Healy-Rae,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ 20368/21

“To ask the Minister for Health if doctors in south County Kerry will receive vaccines for persons aged 70 to 85 years of age (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Details supplied: Ministers Doctors in South Kerry are having difficulty in getting vaccines for their over 70-85 patients and have no direct roll out plan as to when they will get the amounts they require

Dear Deputy Healy-Rae,

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.

I wish to acknowledge your parliamentary question in respect to the vaccination supply to GP's and advise that this matter has been escalated to the National Vaccination Team for urgent follow up. It is my understanding that with the additional supply of Pfizer Vaccine announced, such allocation deficits will not be a reoccurring matter.

We continue to make significant efforts to improve our engagement with general practice in relation to the vaccination programme. We are currently working with circa 1,000 GP practices across two vaccine types. GP's currently get at least 7 days' notice of vaccine allocations. We continue to provide each GP practice with a Relationship Manager to support them in the vaccination programme.

I trust this information is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely,



Priscilla Lynch