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Leinster House,  
Dublin 2

19th April 2021

**PQ 20744/21 - To ask the Minister for Health if general practitioners in rural practices will be provided with vaccines to vaccinate persons aged 60 to 70 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -  
Brendan Griffin**

Deputy Griffin,,

Thank you for your email in relation to vaccinations in your local area.

I sincerely regret any upset or inconvenience caused to patients while awaiting confirmation of a vaccination appointment.

The HSE is rolling out the COVID-19 vaccine programme in line with the Provisional Vaccine Allocation Groups published by government. The plan for immunization of those over 70, in line with the current NIAC recommendations, is that it is being rolled out over the following age categories commencing with those 85 and over, then those aged 80 and over, aged 75 and over and then those aged 70 and over.

It is anticipated that by the end of April all over 70s will have received their 1<sup>st</sup> dose of vaccination. Deliveries for over 70's patients on w/c 26th April have now been scheduled and communicated to all relevant practices. That is the final week of deliveries of Dose 1 for patients in the over 70's cohort.

I trust the above is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,



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