

## Community Strategy & Planning

David Cullinane TD Leinster House, Dublin 2

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PQ 21160/21 - To ask the Minister for Health when and the way in which housebound persons will be vaccinated; when housebound persons in County Waterford will be vaccinated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -David Cullinane

Deputy Cullinane,

Thank you for your email below in relation to the COVID-19 vaccine rollout and I wish to apologise for the delay in responding to you. I sincerely regret any upset or inconvenience caused to any person while awaiting confirmation of vaccination appointments.

The HSE on the 4th March issued correspondence to GPs asking them to identify those who are housebound so that arrangements can be made in conjunction with the National Ambulance Service for these people to be vaccinated at home. This programme of home vaccination is being delivered by HSE National Ambulance Service (NAS) teams.

Any referral which has been submitted to the homevaccinationnas@hse.ie email address is being reviewed and individuals will be contacted in the coming weeks to schedule their home vaccination. The programme for vaccination of housebound individuals who are over 70 will continue across the month of April.

The NAS are processing referrals and visiting individuals as quickly as possible and anyone who has not been contacted will be contacted in due course.

I trust the above is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Geraldine Crowley, Assistant National Director,

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