



**12<sup>th</sup> May, 2021**

Deputy Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire,  
Kildare Street,  
Dáil Eireann,  
Dublin 2

**Re: PQ 21508/21**

PQ 21508/21 – “To ask the Minister for Health the position of persons aged 60 to 64 years of age who are in group 4 on the vaccine schedule; and his plans to resolve a lacuna in the vaccine roll-out as it stands (Group 4 patients aged 65-69 can register for vaccine online. Group 4 patients aged under 59 can access vaccine via their GP. Group 4 patients aged 60-64 cannot access vaccine via online or GP at present). -Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire”

Dear Deputy Ó Laoghaire,

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:

Most GPs have agreed to participate in the vaccination of Cohort 4. For those GPs who do not participate, they will be able to refer their patients onto the HSE. However, for those individuals belonging to Cohort 4 aged between 60 and 64, and who have not yet received an appointment, the quickest recommended pathway to receiving a Covid-19 vaccine in absence of their GP's referral for vaccination, is to register via the portal on the basis of their age.

This can be done online, or by phoning the Covid-19 helpline on 1850 24 1850. At present, the portal is open for registration to those aged 51-69 years.

Yours sincerely,

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

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**David Walsh**  
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