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Deputy Neale Richmond

Dáil Éireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2 Email:

Date: 10th March 2021

PQ 10491-21 To ask the Minister for Health if recipients of disability services such as a service (details supplied) will receive the Covid-19 vaccine alongside the front-line staff who care for them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -

Dear Deputy Richmond

The aim of the vaccine programme is to ensure equitable access to safe and effective vaccines. The vaccination of recipients in the disability service has been taking place in line with the vaccine allocation groups. The National Immunisation Advisory Committee (NIAC) have now revised the prioritisation groupings to move people who are Very High Risk and have a High Risk Medical Condition, aged 16-69 years on the 23rd of February. The link is provided below for ease of reference.

 $\frac{https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/39038-provisional-vaccine-allocation-groups/\#your-quick-guide-to-the-provisional-vaccine-allocation-groups.}$

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely

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