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**PQ 10863-21 To ask the Minister for Health the current plans to administer vaccines to those who are aged over 85 years of age and are completely housebound therefore cannot attend a doctor's surgery or a vaccination centre; and if the HSE is currently making provisions to administer vaccines in the home in such cases. -**

Dear Deputy Troy

Thank you for your representation. The HSE is fully committed to ensuring all over 70's patients gain access to the COVID-19 vaccine as required. Existing "Community Call" transport arrangements will continue to ensure members of the over 70's cohort (commencing with the > 85 sub-cohort) who require support can attend their GP practice to receive the vaccine when scheduled.

There are a small number of older people who, due to illness or frailty, are housebound and cannot avail of the existing 'community call' arrangements to attend the GP practice. The HSE is putting in place a standardised approach to ensure that arrangements are in place to ensure that those patients over 70 and are housebound receive the vaccine. The HSE on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 beginning this week. As the programme moves to each group consideration will also need to be given to those who may be bed bound or housebound,

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely

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