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Deputy Gino Kenny TD

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PQ ref 7567-21 (167) - To ask the Minister for Health his plans to expedite the roll-out of vaccines in nursing homes and hospital settings (details supplied); if the matter will be clarified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. It has been brought to the attention of all public representatives in Dublin Mid West, that Peamount Hospital has not vaccinated healthcare assistants. Elderly patients have received vaccines, but healthcare staff are not been provided with any information as to when they will be vaccinated.

Dear Deputy Kenny,

Thank you for your representation. Correspondence was issued to frontline healthcare workers in group 2 on Friday the 5th of February asking all frontline staff to register in the online portal and provided the link. The link went live on Tuesday February the 9th, 2021. The portal is being used to facilitate the scheduling of vaccination appointments. Frontline healthcare staff are in group 2 of the provisional vaccine allocation groups for those that are patient facing.

The sequencing of healthcare workers is not based on where people work (community or acute hospital), or who they work for (public sector, voluntary or private sector). Non patient facing healthcare workers are included in group 4 of the allocation list.

The HSE are rolling out the vaccination programme in line with the government allocation groups as quickly as possible the limiting constraint being on supply,

I hope this provides you with assistance.

Yours sincerely



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