

24th February 2021

Deputy Brendan Griffin, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ ref no: 7773/21

“To ask the Minister for Health the locations for the over 85s vaccination centres in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Griffin,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Ireland’s National COVID-19 Vaccination Strategy (Dec 2020) identifies 4 key Vaccine Administration Sites for the delivery of the Covid-19 vaccine:

- Large Scale Health Care Facilities
- Long Term Residential Care Facilities (RCFs)
- Large scale Community Vaccination Centres (CVCs) and
- GP Practice/Community Pharmacy Settings.

Cohort 3 of the Vaccine Allocation Strategy encompasses all persons who are 70 years and older (delivered in the following order: 85 and older, 80-84 years, 75-79 years and 70-74 years) with these vaccinations being conducted by General Practitioners (GPs) either at the GP surgery or at another nominated location (e.g. local clinic) managed by GPs. At this particular stage no request for a dedicated site has been identified in Kerry for the over 85yr cohort and these individuals are currently being vaccinated by their general practitioners.

However, it is recognised that a certain cohort of society are housebound and so are unable to attend a GP clinic for vaccine administration. For this reason, it is necessary to develop a bespoke Operational Model to deliver the Covid-19 vaccine to this sector of society, we are awaiting confirmation of the approved model but can assure you that on receipt of same that this person-centred arrangement will be implemented as needs be across both counties.

I trust this information is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely,



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