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PQ 8371/21 (190) - To ask the Minister for Health the reason 800 persons outside the top two priority groups of nursing home residents and staff and front-line healthcare workers currently being inoculated have received Covid-19 vaccines; the location and reasons given for inoculation; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy O'Dowd,

Thank you for your representation. The key constraint in delivering the vaccine programme to frontline healthcare workers is the fact that there is only a limited amount of vaccine available so it is not possible to reach everyone in the group (group 2). Given that limitation the Government published a national list of Provisional Vaccine Allocation Groups on December 8th. This list is available at the following link <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/39038-provisional-vaccine-allocation-groups/>.

The HSE is aware of a small number of incidences where, in order to ensure no wastage, that the vaccine was administered to people in groups further down the vaccine allocation grouping to group 4. All vaccine administration sites are required to have standby lists of frontline healthcare workers later in the sequence to ensure that staff are available at short notice in the event that frontline healthcare workers earlier in the sequence order are not able to attend or could not receive the vaccine.

Guidance documents have been issued to hospital groups and the community to this effect in relation to the Sequencing of the vaccination programme for healthcare workers provided in the link below <https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/news/newsfeatures/covid19-updates/covid-19-vaccine-materials/sequencing-of-covid-19-vaccination-of-frontline-healthcare-workers>.

The rollout of the vaccine programme progressed to group 3 of the allocation list on the 15th of February.

I hope this provides you with assistance

Yours sincerely

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