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PQ 8684/21 (201) - To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has been given to drive-in vaccination centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Carroll MacNeill,

Thank you for your representation. The HSE worked closely with the IMO, as the representative body for General Practice, on developing an approach and plan to ensure safe and effective distribution and administration of the vaccine as early as possible to over 70s and all options were explored.

The plan having been agreed with the IMO was incorporated in the overall HSE operational model and guidance, which was developed through a collaborative process involving a working group with senior HSE clinical and management input, together with IMO and ICGP representation. Having regard to the clinical and operational parameters involved and following discussion with the IMO, 3 distribution models were agreed and this model has been effectively deployed in collaboration with the IMO and general practice and commenced the week of the 15th March beginning with the over 85s.

Due to the clinical, operational and logistical exigencies given the nature of the vaccine there are a range of transportation, storage, delivery and security considerations around the vaccines which have been taken into account and which require the vaccines to be delivered within the model as set out if we are to be in a position to assure consistently safe and effective distribution and administration of the vaccine.

I hope this provides you with assistance,

Yours sincerely

Sharon Hayden
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