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PQ 9193/21 – To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that some large community general practitioner practices have arranged the safe use of community halls for administering vaccines to those over 85 years of age (details supplied); and if arrangements will be made for this model to be used which has made considerable arrangements for the safety of patients. –

Richard Bruton

Details: Artane Beaumont Family Recreation Centre for Aidan Hampson's practice

Dear Deputy Bruton,

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Community Health Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC) has no role in indicating to GPs where to vaccinate their patients. However, the premises should be clinically appropriate. GP queries regarding the Covid Vaccination Programme are a matter for HSE National Strategy and Planning who are liaising with the Irish Medical Organisation (IMO) and Irish College of General Practitioners (ICGP) in this regard.

Over the coming weeks the vaccination programme will be opened to those living in the community in line with the priority groupings, which initially refers to individuals aged 70 years and older in the following order: 85 and older, 80 – 84, 75 – 79, and 70 – 74. The GPs have already commenced the vaccination programme for over 85s. These vaccines will be administered by those patients' own GP in their GP Practice, or other appropriate locations as decided by that GP Practice. CHO DNCC are working with a number of GPs in this area and The Helix, DCU will be used by GP vaccinators to administer vaccinations to their cohort of those patients.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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