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Réada Cronin, TD
Dail Eireann
Kildare House,
36 - 42 Kildare St,
Dublin, D02 XE00

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'To ask the Minister for Health the public transport that will be made available to those in north County Kildare who wish to be vaccinated against Covid-19, for example, at Punchestown; if he is liaising with the Minister for Transport in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter'

- Réada Cronin

Dear Deputy Cronin,

The HSE wishes to acknowledge your representation. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position:

Currently we are focusing on opening a Vaccination Centre in City West and plans are in place to develop a Vaccination Centre in Punchestown. There is significant work being undertaken at a national level as to how best to make the vaccine available to different cohorts of our population including those unable to attend a vaccination centre for any reason – this may involve Vaccination Centres, GPs, National Ambulance Service, Community Teams, transport partners or a combination of these.

There is currently a Covid-19 Testing Centre in place on the Punchestown site which operates a "Transport to Test" programme, this model is being explored in relation to extending it to the Vaccination Centre.

I trust this information may be of assistance to you.

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