



**03<sup>rd</sup> March, 2021**

Deputy Catherine Murphy  
Kildare Street  
Dáil Eireann  
Dublin 2

**Re: PQ 9479/21**

PQ 9479/21 – “To ask the Minister for Health his plans in conjunction with the Minister for Transport to provide free public transport services to and from various points around each county in respect of the vaccination centres he has announced and in view of some of their locations.”

Dear Deputy Murphy,

The HSE will operate a range of vaccination centres across the country to meet the projected Covid-19 vaccine deliveries and the demand for those vaccines. In addition, vaccines will be available through both GPs and Community Pharmacies.

Each local HSE Vaccination Lead will engage with the broader state sector using established channels including the Community Response Forum in each county Chaired by the Chief Executive of the relevant local authority. This will facilitate not only the development of local plans and supports from within the state sector but also leverage the large public voluntary effort which has been so evident since the start of this pandemic.

As part of this engagement, transport issues will be considered and addressed and Local Link Transport opportunities will be explored through this forum.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frances McNamara', written over a light blue horizontal line.

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**Frances McNamara**  
**Assistant National Director,**