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Deputy Neale Richmond
Dáil Eireann
Leinster House
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Ref: PQ 9674/21

Re: **Stewarts Care, Residential Home, Palmerstown, Dublin 20**

“To ask the Minister for Health when a Covid-19 vaccination date will be set for residents of a care home (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

- Neale Richmond TD

Dear Deputy Richmond,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your Parliamentary question. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The rollout of vaccinations for Disability Service users 16-65 years in Residential setting both congregated and in the community, began week of the 8th March. Two hubs have been set up to deal with vaccination for this group of Service Users between the ages of 18 – 65. The over 65s under Disability in residential settings were vaccinated a few weeks ago.

The 18-65 age group are being vaccinated using the Astrazeneca vaccine. The 16-18 groups will be vaccinated with Pfizer Vaccine.

We are vaccinating in line with the Governments “Covid 19 Vaccine Allocation Strategy” which sets out a provisional priority list of groups for vaccinations. The Strategy was developed by the National Immunisation Advisory Committee (NIAC) and Department of Health, endorsed by the National Public Health Emergency Team (NPHE).

This is the provisional order in which people in Ireland will be vaccinated against COVID-19.

- 1 People aged 65 years and older who are residents of long-term care facilities (likely to include all staff and residents on site)
- 2 Frontline healthcare workers
- 3 People aged 70 and older

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- 4 People aged 16-69 with a medical condition that puts them at very high risk of severe disease and death

 - 5 People aged 65-69 whose underlying condition puts them at a high risk of severe disease and death

 - 6 Other people aged 65-69, other healthcare workers not in direct patient contact, and key workers essential to the vaccine programme

 - 7 People aged 16-64 who have an underlying condition that puts them at high risk of severe disease and death

 - 8 Residents of long-term care facilities aged 18-64

 - 9 People aged 18-64 living or working in crowded settings

 - 10 Key workers in essential jobs who cannot avoid a high risk of exposure

 - 11 People working in education sector

 - 12 People aged 55-64

 - 13 Other workers in occupations important to the functioning of society

 - 14 Other people aged 18-54

 - 15 People aged under 18 and pregnant women

We have temporarily paused the use of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine in Ireland. This pause is a precaution while the European Medicines Agency (EMA) reviews new information about a small number of adverse events.

We await information from the National Teams as to when we can recommence the vaccination programme with AstraZeneca. We will continue with the rollout of AstraZeneca as soon as we get the go ahead to do so.

I hope the above information helps you but please don't hesitate to come back to me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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