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PQ 9952-21 To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure that eligible persons included in groups 3 , 5 and 7 of the Covid-19 Vaccine Allocation Strategy who are bed bound or housebound will receive the vaccine; if consideration has been given to single setting vaccination in such scenarios; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -

Dear Deputy McDonald

Thank you for your representation.

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction. Thank you for your representation. The HSE is fully committed to ensuring all over 70's patients gain access to the COVID-19 vaccine as required. Existing "Community Call" transport arrangements will continue to ensure members of the over 70's cohort (commencing with the > 85 sub-cohort) who require support can attend their GP practice to receive the vaccine when scheduled.

There are a small number of older people who, due to illness or frailty, are housebound and cannot avail of the existing 'community call' arrangements to attend the GP practice. The HSE is putting in place a standardised approach to ensure that arrangements are in place to ensure that those patients over 70 and are housebound receive the vaccine. The HSE on the 4th March issued correspondence to GPs asking them to identify those who are housebound so that arrangements can be made in conjunction with the National Ambulance Service for these people to be vaccinated beginning this week. As the programme moves to each group consideration will also need to be given to those who may be bed bound or housebound,

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely

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