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**PQ 2817/21 (68) To ask the Minister for Health the mechanism being put in place to make contact with over 70s in order that they can receive their vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy O'Sullivan

Thank you for your representation. Now that there is a safe and effective vaccine available we are aware that most people are keen to get vaccinated as quickly as possible.

The key constraint in delivering the vaccine programme to frontline healthcare workers is the fact that there is only a limited amount of vaccine available so it is not possible to reach everyone as quickly as liked. Given that limitation the Government published a national list of Provisional Vaccine Allocation Groups on December 8<sup>th</sup>. This list is available at the following link <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/39038-provisional-vaccine-allocation-groups/>.

The distribution of vaccines in the over 70s group will be managed by GPs and community once the vaccine supply is available. There will be specific communication in advance of the roll out to this group within the programme,

I hope that this provides you with assistance,

Yours sincerely

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Sharon Hayden  
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