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PQ3137/21 (82) To ask the Minister for Health his plans to improve the communication of the vaccination roll-out in particular the number of persons vaccinated per week and area.

Dear Deputy McAuliffe

Thank you for your query. Now that there are safe and effective vaccines available we are aware that most people are keen to get vaccinated as quickly as possible. The HSE, as part of the Government's High Level Task Force, are mobilising an historic effort to deliver COVID-19 vaccines safely and effectively, to those who need it most first.

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

The HSE's main priority is ensuring the effective implementation of the vaccine rollout and administering the vaccine to those most at risk.

As part of the rollout, the IT system for Covid-19 Vaccination has been deployed to assist in the organisation, management and recording of vaccinations. Given the size, scale and complexity of the vaccination programme there will be some issues with the new system and processes that support it.

Given the speed of the initial rollout some additional features around data gathering and collation were being added incrementally. They are expected to be fully implemented, within the coming week and the HSE will be in a position publish figures on an automatic basis.

In the interim, you can access high-level information on vaccine deliveries on Gov.ie's COVID Data Hub here - <https://covid19ireland-geohive.hub.arcgis.com/>.

The HSE website has a dedicated page with information on the rollout, which is updated regularly, and can be visited here - <https://www2.hse.ie/screening-and-vaccinations/covid-19-vaccine/rollout-covid-19-vaccines-ireland.html>

The HSE also reports on vaccination uptake every Thursday at the HSE weekly press briefings, and these briefings can be watched back on the HSE's Twitter feed at www.twitter.com/HSElive .

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The HSE provide updates on the number of people vaccinated twice a week to the Department of Health. The COVID data hub is updated on a weekly basis on a Thursday.

There will be continuous communication and updates once further updates on the supply of vaccine are received,

I hope this provides you with assistance,

Yours sincerely



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