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**PQ 3349/21 (57) To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the medical staff of a society (details supplied) provide care to the majority of dementia specific day care; and if he will consider appointing these workers to roll-out the vaccine to persons with Alzheimer's and dementia  
Alzheimer's Society of Ireland nursing and medical staff**

Dear Deputy McDonald,

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. 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 8<sup>th</sup>. This list is available at the following link. <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/39038-provisional-vaccine-allocation-groups/>.

Although any grouping or list has limitations and cannot take account of each individual workplace the HSE is adhering to this Government policy in rolling out the vaccination programme. The immediate priority is to focus on adults > 65 years who are residents of long term care facilities group 1. As the supply of the vaccine increases healthcare workers in group 2 will continue to be vaccinated. A sequencing document for frontline healthcare workers has been published at the link below

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/news/newsfeatures/covid19-updates/covid-19-vaccine-materials/sequencing-of-covid-19-vaccination-of-frontline-healthcare-workers.pdf>. The sequencing of other groups is being established in line with the allocation list.

Consideration is being given to all disciplines of healthcare staff that are available to administer vaccines. The HSE is doing everything that it can to reach everyone as quickly as possible in line with the Government's Provisional Vaccine Allocation Groups.

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely

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