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Deputy John Paul Phelan TD

PQ/4097/21 (Health)
Requested By: John Paul Phelan

Brief Description: To ask the Minister for Health when County Carlow based paramedics will get the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - John Paul Phelan

Dear Deputy Phelan,

I refer to the above representation to the HSE for response,

The roll out of the COVID-19 vaccination programme for health care workers is a matter for the Health Service Executive and the National Immunisation Advisory Committee (NIAC). Vaccines are being given to priority groups first, priority groups as outlined by the COVID-19 allocation strategy, which was developed by the National Immunisation Advisory Committee (NIAC).

The National Ambulance Service (NAS) agreed with a number of Acute Hospitals across the country to facilitate the NAS frontline Advanced Paramedic, Paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians avail of the COVID-19 vaccinations.

In parallel to this the NAS also commenced peer vaccinations on Thursday 7th January 2021 in the North Leinster region with a testing site located in the Phoenix Park Dublin. As of 18:00hrs Thursday 21st January 2021 over 1200 NAS frontline Advanced Paramedic, Paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians have been vaccinated. In Carlow Ambulance Station 8 of its staff have been vaccinated to date and the remainder will be vaccinated as and when the vaccine is available to do so.

I trust this information is of assistance to and should you require additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

Martin Dunne, Director
National Ambulance Service

