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Dear Deputy Mac Sharry
Via Email

RE: PQ 4789/21: Vaccination for Aras Bhride, Drumkeerin, Care of the Elderly

Further to your representations on behalf of Aras Bhride, Drumkeerin, I wish to advise that the vaccination programme for unregistered congregated settings is now being progressed with vaccinations commencing this week. The Sligo/Leitrim Vaccination Team will be in contact with Aras Bhride to schedule vaccinations for residents and front line staff this week.

It is important to note that the initial national priority is to vaccinate in congregated centres where people are aged over 65 years as sadly this population group have had much higher mortality during the Pandemic. The Government published a national list of provisional vaccine allocation groups in Dec 2020 and CHO 1 is adhering to the Covid-19 Vaccine Allocations Strategy as vaccine is strictly allocated on this basis. The vaccine is still in limited supply but it is hoped that additional vaccine will become available over the coming weeks.

I have no doubt that vaccination day in Aras Bhride will be a positive and long awaited day for the residents and staff.

Regards,

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