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PQ 11956/21 – To ask the Minister for Health when all general practitioners in the Dublin 15 and 7 areas will receive the Covid-19 vaccine for the over 85s the reason for delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. – Paul Donnelly

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The HSE is delivering vaccines to GP practices for older people in line with prioritisation, as outlined in the national Covid-19 vaccination programme to older people living in the community. GP Practices scheduled for delivery have been contacted by the HSE nationally and sent a confirmation email to which the GP should respond in terms of the number of vaccines required for these patients. The supply chain continues to operate deliveries to vaccination points through our National Cold Chain Service.

A national GP Order Support Team is available to assist the GP community in placing their orders and to assist in understanding the delivery arrangements, in order to ensure the smooth rollout of the vaccine. Contact is ongoing with our GP colleagues and a number of measures are in place including:

- An email address through which orders should be placed
- Contact with GP practices to support the order process and confirm orders already placed
- There remains a small number of practices with whom the HSE and the IMO are working to identify solutions to cater for these practices and their patients
- The GP Order Support Team continue to liaise with GP practices with over 200 patients aged 70 and above, who are scheduled to receive a delivery

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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