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Leinster House,  
Dublin 2.

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**REPDR/21/13576 – To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details on the way and when Covid-19 vaccines will be provided for persons aged over 85 years in Ratoath, County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Darren O'Rourke**

Deputy O'Rourke,

Thank you for your correspondence in relation to delivery of vaccine to Ratoath County Meath and I wish to apologise for the delay in responding. I sincerely regret any upset or inconvenience caused to GPs and their patients in the delay of vaccine delivery.

As you will be aware the HSE is rolling out the COVID-19 vaccine programme in line with the Provisional Vaccine Allocation Groups published by government. The plan for immunization of those over 70, in line with the current NIAC recommendations, is that it is being rolled out over the following age categories commencing with those 85 and over, then those aged 80 and over, aged 75 and over and then those 70 and over.

The HSE is working to ensure that the maximum number of GP practices receive vaccine deliveries in line with the supply available to us. The HSE is fully committed to ensuring all patients over 70 gain access to the COVID-19 vaccine as required and in line with vaccine supply ensuring that those aged 85 and older living in the community are given priority.

I am aware that GPs in Ratoath received delivery of vaccine on 5<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March.

I appreciate the time you have taken to make contact with the HSE.

Yours sincerely,



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