



**12<sup>th</sup> March, 2021**

Deputy Emer Higgins  
Kildare Street,  
Dáil Eireann,  
Dublin 2

**Re: PQ 13758/21**

PQ 13758/21 – “To ask the Minister for Health the way very high risk persons such as those with Down syndrome who are under general practitioner care and do not have a hospital team will be contacted for their vaccination.”

Dear Deputy Higgins,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to your above Parliamentary Questions which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position

The HSE is working with the various Disability Service Providers to identify people with Downs Syndrome with a view to facilitating their vaccination. Ireland’s National COVID-19 Vaccination Strategy was updated on the 24th February 2021, and identified that people aged 16-69 years, with a medical condition that puts them at very high risk of disease or death, should be vaccinated from 8th March 2021 (Cohort 4).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Walsh'.

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**David Walsh**  
**Workstream Lead Vaccination Process and Workforce**