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PQ 14069-21 To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the Covid-19 vaccine will be administered to persons in the highly vulnerable and high risk cohort in view of the communications to general practitioner practices recently detailing that the HSE would be taking responsibility for the administration of the vaccine to that cohort; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murphy

Thank you for your representation. As you will be aware the demand and uptake for the COVID vaccine has to date surpassed the supply available. As a result of recent advice from the National Immunisation Advisory Committee (NIAC). Ireland's National COVID-19 vaccination allocation strategy was updated on the 23rd of February 2021 and identified that people aged 16-69 years, with a medical condition that puts them at very high risk of developing COVID disease or death, are within group 4 of the vaccine allocation plan. These patients remain a priority following the revision to the provisional allocation groups of 30th March 2021.

Hospital Groups have been asked to identify the cohort populations based on definitions provided by NIAC and clinical guidance. The HSE is working with Acute Hospitals on the roll out of the COVID 19 vaccines for those patients aligned to Group 4 as determined by NIAC. Communication issued to all hospitals, both public and private, to identify eligible patients for vaccination within Group 4. Where patients meet the criteria and are under the care of a hospital then they will be contacted via that hospital. Where patients are no longer under hospital care, the HSE is engaging with General Practice to identify those patients.

The aim then is that services will communicate directly with people who meet the criteria of group 4 directly or with their family.

I hope this provides you with assistance,

Yours faithfully

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