



29th of March, 2021

Deputy Tóibín,
Kildare Street,
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Dublin 2

Re: PQ 14176/21

“PQ 14176/21. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify the situation in which persons in the vulnerable and high risk category for vaccine roll-out are being instructed by the HSE not to contact their general practitioners but to instead wait to hear from their hospital consultants. Many people in that category do not have a hospital consultant, what does the Minister suggest that they do.”

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

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:

Directions have been issued to all hospitals, both public and private, to identify eligible patients for vaccination within Cohort 4. If they 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 that group within Cohort 4. If an individual is eligible for vaccination under Cohort 4 their GP or Hospital will capture them on the list for vaccination. No further contact is required by the individual”.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Walsh".

David Walsh
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