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RE PQ 14348/21

Question

To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE is delivering vaccines on Saturday and Sunday. -Robert Troy

Response

Deputy Troy,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) 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.

The National Cold Chain Service operates a seven (7) day service in terms of the overall logistics and distribution process which includes vaccine distribution and pack down. For example, vaccination sites scheduled for delivery on a Monday will have all vaccines picked and packed down in accordance with Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) on a Sunday.

Typically, deliveries are made to vaccination sites Monday to Friday (including Bank Holidays) with sufficient vaccine supplies and consumables to accommodate vaccine administration over a weekend.

Where deliveries are required on a Saturday and Sunday, the National Cold Chain Service has already provided and will continue to provide such deliveries.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Head of Procurement on (01) 635 2688 or via ohop@hse.ie.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Swords', written over a horizontal line.

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