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PQ 15188-21 To ask the Minister for Health the specific provisions that have been made for the vaccination of housebound persons; when such vaccinations will take place in line with the wider vaccination groupings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -

Dear Deputy Costello

Thank you for your representation. The HSE is fully committed to ensuring all over 70's patients gain access to the COVID-19 vaccine as required. Existing "Community Call" transport arrangements will continue to ensure members of the over 70's cohort (commencing with the > 85 sub-cohort) who require support can attend their GP practice to receive the vaccine when scheduled.

There are a small number of people who, due to illness or frailty, are housebound and cannot avail of the existing 'community call' arrangements to attend the GP practice. The HSE is putting in place a standardised approach to ensure that arrangements are in place to ensure that those patients over 70 and are housebound receive the vaccine. The HSE issued correspondence to GPs on the 4th of March asking them to identify those who are housebound so that arrangements can be made in conjunction with the National Ambulance Service for these people to be vaccinated.

I hope this provides you with assistance,

Yours faithfully

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