



**1<sup>st</sup> of April, 2021**

Deputy Ó Broin,  
Kildare Street,  
Dáil Eireann,  
Dublin 2

**Re: PQ 16565/21**

“PQ 16565/21. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons over 70 years of age who are currently detained in prison; the number who have received their first Covid-19 vaccine dose to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Ó Broin,

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 and the Irish Prison Service have been working closely to ensure integrated planning is in place to comprehend the logistical requirements and ensure the safe administration of Covid-19 vaccination to all individuals identified as aged 70 years and over in the custody of the state. The administration of dose 1 to all individuals identified by the Irish Prison Service aged 70 years over will be completed week commencing 29.03.21.

Yours sincerely,

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

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