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**PQ 16763-21 To ask the Minister for Health the person or body responsible for determining eligibility on category 4 of the vaccine list given that there currently is no clear database, for example, on obesity, respiratory complications and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -**

Dear Deputy Kelly

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. Directions have been issued to all hospitals, both public and private, to identify eligible patients for vaccination within Cohort 4. If 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 this group within Cohort 4.

Work is underway in identifying patients. However there is no requirement for registration and the hospital or GP (whether private or public) will be in contact with the patient or family

I hope this provides you with assistance,

Yours faithfully

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Sharon Hayden  
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