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PQ 16802/21

To ask the Minister for Health the number of housebound persons that have been vaccinated at home since 1 March 2021 on a weekly basis; the geographical locations of same in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Neale Richmond

Dear Deputy Richmond,

The National Ambulance Service (NAS) 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 programme of vaccination for people over 70 years who are house bound commenced on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and vaccinations are being undertaken by National Ambulance Service (NAS) in eligible patient's homes across the country in the coming weeks.

More than 2,200 people nationally over 70 years who are housebound have been referred for a home vaccination by their GP. As of the morning of April 7<sup>th</sup> 2021, more than 1,000 Dose 1 vaccinations have been administered. Additional Dose 1 vaccination appointments are planned for week commencing April 5<sup>th</sup> 2021).

Of the referrals received to date, a significant proportion of people referred by their GP were not available or eligible for vaccination for a number of reasons (already vaccinated, were hospitalised, had transferred to residential care or were deceased).

The vaccination programme for those aged 70 and over who are house bound is an essential component of the vaccination strategy. This programme aims to vaccinate individuals 70 years and older who are not normally able to attend the GP practice / Primary Care Centre for clinical reasons and for whom this difficulty with attendance cannot be resolved by providing transport.

The HSE is also providing additional support for the vaccination of people aged 70 years and older who are housebound where this service cannot be provided locally. GP Practices have been provided with guidance on the HSE Home Vaccination Programme for over 70s who





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are housebound, and they have responsibility for referring eligible patients who require this service.

GPs referring for home vaccination will confirm with eligible patients that they are happy to proceed with vaccination and should inform these patients that they have been referred to be vaccinated through the HSE Home Vaccination Programme.

This programme of home vaccination will be delivered by HSE National Ambulance Service (NAS) teams. This vaccination programme is occurring in tandem with the general Over 70s vaccination programme which is provided by GPs.

Individuals who have been registered for home vaccination will be contacted by the National Ambulance Service (NAS) to schedule an appointment to administer the vaccine. NAS have been contacting all referred individuals to arrange for their home vaccination.

The HSE Home Vaccination Service is being provided on a 7 day basis. Following vaccination, NAS contact relevant GPs to notify them that vaccination has taken place and to advise of any immediate concerns or side effects experienced by the patient.

The table below shows the number of referrals per county and the patients vaccinated completed to date. The table also shows reasons patients have not received the vaccination. Please note Cork and Kerry commenced this week and the numbers have not been fully ratified on the system.



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County	No	Complete NAS	GP Vaccinated	NH / Hops	No Answer	Refused	Deceased	Other
Carlow	46	31						15
Cavan	51	21	9		2	3	1	15
Clare	84	45	4		1	4	1	29
Cork	268	50	1	1	1	1	1	213
Donegal	166	3	12		1	2	1	143
Dublin	651	453	20	24	34	25	7	82
Galway	251	59	8	5	1	0	0	175
Kerry	93						1	
Kildare	55	30		5				20
Kilkenny	39	21	1	2	0	0	1	14
Laois	50	21	1	0	0	0	2	26
Leitrim	74	26	0	3	0	1	1	43
Limerick	72	22	4	4	0	0	2	40
Longford	23	9	0	0	0	0	0	13
Louth	64	20	0	1	0	0	0	43
Mayo	186	2	2	0	0	0	0	182
Meath	44	15	0	0	0	0	0	29
Monaghan	56	24	0	0	0	0	0	32
Offaly	22	19	0	0	0	1	0	2
Roscommon	71	14	0	0	0	3	2	52
Sligo	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tipperary	61	24	3	3	3	2	0	26
Waterford	79	45	5	7	0	5	1	16
West Meath	20	10	0	0	0	0	0	10
Wexford	116	77	0	6	3	4	1	25
Wicklow	58	33	2	2	4	1	1	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>2764</b>	<b>1074</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1260</b>

I trust this information is of assistance to you and should you require additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

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