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PQ 17595/21 To ask the Minister for Health if transient groups such as persons that are homeless will be prioritised for single dose vaccinations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -

Dear Deputy

On Monday 12th April 2021, the Government approved an update to the [COVID-19 Vaccination Allocation Strategy](#). This strategy sets out the groups to be prioritised for vaccination to best achieve the vaccination programme's objectives of preventing serious illness, hospitalisation and death. It is based on clinical, scientific and ethical frameworks produced by the National Immunisation Advisory Committee (NIAC) and the Department of Health. The HSE is rolling out the vaccine programme in line with NIAC guidelines and group 4 - 7 will be managed in parallel. Dates are subject to change given the ongoing supply chain uncertainty.

Advice of the use of vaccines will be set by NIAC and the HSE will roll the vaccine out in line with their recommendations.

I hope this provides you with assistance,

Yours faithfully

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