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PQ 23115-21 – Deputy Mark Ward: To ask the Minister for Health his views on reports (details supplied) that the roll-out of vital Covid-19 vaccines to the homeless population of Dublin was cancelled.

Dear Deputy Ward,

Thank you for your representation. Sincere apologies for the delay in responding to this representation, which is due to the cyber-attack on the HSE.

The HSE is rolling out the Covid vaccination programme in line with the National Immunisation Advisory Committee (NIAC) guidance.

The programme for the socially vulnerable groups commenced on the 5th of May with the Janssen vaccine, inclusive of the homeless population. The cancellation of vaccinations to this group may have been in line with NIAC advice to cease using the Janssen vaccine for under 50 years of age meant a switch to an mRNA vaccine.

This programme has been rolled out nationally from the 31st of May 2021.

I hope this provides you with assistance.

Yours faithfully

Sharon Hayden
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