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Dublin 2

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PQ 23493/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons over 70 years of age who have yet to receive a vaccine; the timeline for completing this cohort; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Róisín Shortall

Deputy Shortall,

Thank you for your email in relation to vaccinations for the over 70s.

The majority of over 70s have received their 1st dose of vaccination as of the end of April. Deliveries to complete the over 70's patients were scheduled and communicated on w/c 26th April to all relevant practices.

There are a small number of people who have no GP and the HSE is working with those people to ensure they receive the vaccine.

In relation to patients who are housebound the HSE has put in place a standardised approach to ensure that arrangements are in place to ensure that those patients over 70 and are housebound also receive the vaccine. The HSE on the 4th March issued correspondence to GPs asking them to identify those who are housebound so that arrangements can be made in conjunction with the National Ambulance Service for these people to be vaccinated at home.

The programme for vaccination of housebound individuals who are over 70 will continue across the month of May. The NAS are processing referrals and visiting individuals as quickly as possible and anyone who has not been contacted will be contacted in due course.

The HSE is fully committed to ensuring all over 70's patients gain access to the COVID-19 vaccine as required.

I hope the above is of assistance.

Regards

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