



**28<sup>th</sup> July, 2021**

Deputy Kieran O'Donnell,  
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Dublin 2

**Re: PQ 24428/21**

PQ 24428/21- "To ask the Minister for Health the mechanisms in place for persons that are agreed are under 70 years and housebound to obtain the Covid 19 vaccine (details supplied). -Kieran O'Donnell"

Dear Deputy O'Donnell,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to your above Parliamentary Questions which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position:

The pathway for vaccinations of those under 70 who are housebound opened to referrals on 26 July 2021. An individual is housebound if they are unable to leave their home at all, or if they require significant assistance to leave the house due to illness, frailty, surgery, disability, mental ill health or nearing end of life (end of life individuals require a GP / specialist palliative care team referral). Individuals who are unable to attend their GP, local Pharmacist, Vaccination Centre (CVC) or acute hospital vaccination clinic for clinical reasons and for whom this difficulty with attendance cannot be resolved by providing transport may be referred to this pathway. Referrals will only be accepted once this criterion is met and verified by referring clinicians.

Referrals can be submitted to the regional CHO Vaccination Team/Home Vaccination Team by the following:

- General Practitioner
- Residential Care Facility Person in Charge
- Nominated CHO lead for the CHO Primary Care Service
- Nominated CHO lead for the CHO Disability Service
- Nominated CHO lead for the CHO Mental Health Service
- Nominated CHO lead for the CHO Older Persons Service
- Person in Charge in Long Term Residential Care Facilities in the CHO area.

Once the individual's details have been submitted they will be contacted by the vaccination team regarding their appointment.

Apologies for the delay in issuing of a response. Access to systems was impacted by the recent cyber-attack.

Yours sincerely,

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