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Deputy Aengus Ó Snodaigh

Dáil Éireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2

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PQ 24526-21 - Deputy Aengus Ó Snodaigh: To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that in cases in which a general practitioner practice is unable to cope with the vaccine delivery system the HSELive portal only focuses on age-based registration, thus those persons categorised as high risk by the HSE, including those with HIV must await the relevant age cohort rather than be vaccinated earlier as intended; and his views on the need to have flexibility in the system to allow for at-risk-persons younger than the age cohort being called to register for vaccination on HSELive at a given time.

Dear Deputy Ó Snodaigh,

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 vaccine programme in line with the National Immunisation Advisory Committee (NIAC). This guidance is continuously under review based on new and emerging evidence.

The vaccine portal is now open from 16 year olds upwards.

Also walk in vaccination clinics commence this bank holiday weekend and this information can be found on the HSE website.

I trust this provides you with assistance.

Yours sincerely

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