



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte  
Health Service Executive



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Éamon Ó Cúiv, T.D.,  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
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Dublin 2.

**PQ24827/21 To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide a Covid-19 vaccination clinic in a central location in Connemara, County Galway in view of the difficulty for many persons that live up to a 100km from Galway getting to the east of the city and the lack of a comprehensive bus service in the region; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Ó Cúiv,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question/Public Representation which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The HSE has established five vaccination centres operating 7 days per week throughout the West and North West region including Ballybrit in Galway, Breaffy in Mayo, Sligo IT, Letterkenny IT and the Roscommon centre at the Abbey Hotel. In addition we have a vaccination centre in Carrick on Shannon operating two days per week and this week (Wed 30 June) we are opening a satellite centre in Carndonagh, Co Donegal to serve the population of the Inishowen Peninsula and surrounding area.

We are conscious of the needs of people living in more peripheral parts of the region and the HSE has committed to establishing a Covid-19 vaccination centre in West Galway. A preferred site has been confirmed in Clifden and members of the Regional Vaccination Programme are currently finalising logistical and operational aspects of the centre with the expectation that it will be operational by early July. The centre will vaccinate the same priority cohorts as all other CVCs in the country, in line with the national model.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Ann Cosgrove,  
Chief Operations Officer,  
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