

David Cullinane (TD)
Leinster House,
Dublin 2

21st June 2021

PQ 25279/21 – To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider expanding guidelines allowing pharmacies to participate in the roll-out of the Covid-19 vaccine enabling persons to be vaccinated by their local pharmacist; the way in which pharmacists will be used in the roll-out of the Covid-19 vaccination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -David Cullinane

Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above PQ which you submitted.

Community Pharmacy is now a part of the National Covid 19 Vaccination Programme having commenced on the 14th June.

Phase 1 Janssen – Completion of People aged 50 years and above

Since the 14th June, c1,000 Pharmacies have commence administering Janssen to complete any remaining 50 and over age cohorts who for whatever reason have not yet presented themselves for vaccination. The HSE will be running a communication campaign in collaboration with the IPU around the Janssen Programme in Pharmacies.

Pfizer – Working through the Age cohorts in line with the Vaccination Programme

Later in June, a subset of c350 Pharmacies will support the Vaccination Centres with Pfizer as they work through the age cohorts. Community pharmacy will bring the strength of geographical spread to support local communities that are some distance from a Vaccination Centre.

I hope the above is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,
Susan Kenny

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