



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

22nd October 2021

PQ Number: 51444/21

Question's: To ask the Minister for Health his plans for the roll out of Covid-19 booster vaccinations for residents of elderly care homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

-Jackie Cahill

Dear Deputy Cahill,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred by the Minister for Health to the Health Service Executive for direct response.

The COVID-19 Booster Vaccination Programme for residents aged 65 and over in Long Term Residential Care facilities commenced October 4th 2021. Vaccination Teams are operating within all areas of the country and administering a booster dose to all eligible and consenting individuals within their residential setting. In some instances LTCF residents are attending their CVC for their booster administration.

The estimated population of residents in Long Term Care Facilities over the age of 65 is less than 30,000. As at the 21st October 2021, over 22,000 residents have been administered their booster dose. The programme will substantially complete in Long Term Residential Care Facilities for residents over 65 the w/c 25th October.

However, there will be people who require a return visit where there may have been a COVID outbreak during the original visit and people could not receive their booster shot or indeed a person was unwell at that time. These will be scheduled as soon as possible.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but if you have any queries or require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Damien McCallion".

Damien McCallion
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