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Deputy Violet- Anne Wynne,  
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Dublin 2

**Re: 44624/21**

*To ask the Minister for Health the body tasked with organising vaccinations for homeless persons; if there is coordination in place to facilitate persons without stable abode to access vaccinations; and if they are being treated as a priority considering their lack of access to sanitisation resources. -Violet-Anne Wynne*

Dear Deputy Wynne,

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 Covid-19 Vaccination Programme continues to be rolled out throughout the country, to date over 7 million vaccination have been delivered as part of this programme. One of the key principles of the programme has been to ensure accessibility to all who wish to avail of vaccination. As part of this the HSE designed and implemented a specific programme of vaccination to target those who are socially vulnerable and would benefit from a targeted vaccination campaign designed to meet their specific needs.

The programme of vaccination for Socially Vulnerable Groups commenced in May. Those included in this programme included individuals experiencing homelessness, Traveller and Roma communities, those residing in Direct Provision Centres and individuals in receipt of Opioid Substitution Treatment. Approximately 10,000 vaccinations have been completed as part of this programme of vaccination.

From August 16<sup>th</sup> this vaccination pathway was integrated into local governance arrangements at Community Healthcare Organisation level. Community Vaccination Teams continue to work with Public Health and HSE Social Inclusion to deliver vaccination to this population. In addition GPs and Pharmacies will continue to offer members of Socially Vulnerable Groups Covid-19 vaccine, or will refer them to their local Central Vaccination Centre.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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**David Walsh**  
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