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Deputy Róisín Shortall Dáil Éireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2

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PQ 17884/22 Deputy Róisín Shortall - To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in the delivery of Paxlovid in view of its availability in other European Union countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Shortall,

Thank you for your representation.

The HSE recently executed a contract with Pfizer to receive doses of the oral antiviral Paxlovid. The HSE received 5,200 doses of Paxlovid on Friday 8th April and this is now available in hospitals for prescribing to inpatients. Following consultation with GPs, Paxlovid will be available for prescribing in the community from Tuesday 19th April.

I hope this provides you with assistance.

Yours sincerely

Sharon Hayden **General Manager** Office of the CCO