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PQ19645/22-Deputy David Cullinane- To ask the Minister for Health the number of Covid-19 antiviral pills (details supplied) that have been purchased by the HSE; when they will become available; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

Thank you for your representation.

The HSE have a contract in place with Pfizer and have received 5,200 doses of the oral antiviral Paxlovid on Friday the 8th of April. Paxlovid has been available for prescribing for inpatient treatment in acute hospitals since Tuesday the 12th of April.

The community pathway for the prescription of oral antivirals has now been established following the conclusion of a consultation process with General Practitioners. Paxlovid has been made available for General Practitioners to prescribe from the Tuesday 19 April 2022.

I hope this provides you with assistance.

Yours sincerely

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