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PQ 21034-22 Deputy Paul Murphy-To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 136 of 9 February 2022, the status of the procurement of Paxlovid by the HSE; and when it will become available for high-risk patients.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

Thank you for your representation.

The HSE has 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 in hospitals since April 11th, and available for GPs to prescribe through community pharmacies since the April 19th.

Information and clinical guidance on Paxlovid has been circulated to acute hospitals and to GPs, including information on the product and its use, practical arrangements, and support for prescribers. At this early stage, a small number of people (less than 10) in Ireland have been treated with Paxlovid.

The HSE has published updated public and patient information about Paxlovid on HSE.ie which may be of interest - <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/covid19/symptoms/treatments-for-covid-19/>

I hope this provides you with assistance.

Yours sincerely

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