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Deputy Róisín Shortall

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PQ 10419/22 Deputy Róisín Shortall- To ask the Minister for Health the number of antivirals and monoclonal antibody treatments which have been ordered; the schedule for delivery of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Shortall,

Thank you for your representation.

Significant efforts have been made to secure the supply of antivirals and monoclonal antibody treatments.

A total order of 4,032 doses of Sotrovimab (monoclonal antibody treatment) has been placed with GSK pursuant to a Joint Procurement Agreement established by the European Commission. Delivery of the order is staged as per the contract over 4 phases. The first delivery of 1,008 treatments was received on 24 January 2022 and second delivery of 1,008 treatments received on the 18th of February 2022. The HSE are actively engaged with the supplier to confirm delivery of the remaining stock which is expected in the same quantities during March and April.

The European Commission is in the process of establishing a Joint Procurement Agreement for the supply of other antivirals and monoclonal antibody treatments. Pending the finalisation of a Framework Agreement, the HSE is engaged with Pfizer through a Bilateral agreement for the supply of 14,000 doses of Paxlovid. Both parties are at the final stages of concluding this agreement. Supply of these treatments is expected before the end of March 2022.

I hope this provides you with assistance.

Yours sincerely

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