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PQ 6840-22 Deputy Paul Murphy-To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that paxlovid will be available to high-risk patients in the UK from 10 February 2022; the plans the HSE has to make this drug be available for high-risk patients in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

Thank you for your representation.

The HSE is engaging with Pfizer with a view to procuring Paxlovid through a Bilateral Agreement. Once this contract is finalised, the delivery of these doses would be expected after 30 days. Paxlovid will be made available to patients based on an agreed prioritisation framework coupled with clinical guidance which will be available to those who will be prescribing the therapeutic. The HSE intend to communicate availability of oral COVID-19 antivirals in Ireland as soon as delivery dates are confirmed.

I hope this provides you with assistance.

Yours sincerely

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