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Deputy Cormac Devlin,
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Question: To ask the Minister for Health the arrangements that the HSE has put in place to offer individuals at risk of a reaction to a Covid-19 vaccination a choice of vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Devlin,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred by the Minister for Health to the Health Service Executive for direct response.

People are offered a COVID-19 vaccine in line with the National Immunisation Advisory Committee (NIAC) guidelines. A pathway was put in place for individuals at high risk of allergic responses to receive an alternative vaccine. These individuals must be referred by a physician and provision of choice must be determined by the individual's clinical needs and strictly in adherence with NIAC guidelines.

The specialised clinic at Citywest Vaccination Centre together with support from immunologists and anaesthetists from specific Dublin hospitals made appointments available to individuals upon receipt of a referral from a treating physician. During each specialised clinic the immunologist reviews the individual in order to determine the appropriate vaccine type, such as Nuvaxovid or in the case an individual is contraindicated to both mRNA and Nuvaxovid, Jansen may be provided.

The specialised clinic at Citywest Vaccination Centre has to date provided 44 clinics with a further two scheduled in August. There have been 1,235 referrals received from Acute settings, GP practices and other CVCs following which a person centred assessment has been undertaken.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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