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PQ 14636/ 22 Deputy Joe O'Brien - To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the availability of Paxlovid to immunocompromised patients here; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy O'Brien,

Thank you for your representation.

The HSE and the Department of Health are working closely with Pfizer to confirm an order for Paxlovid. The delivery dates are forecast for April 2022 but have to be confirmed. Once Paxlovid is available in the country, immunocompromised patients who test positive for COVID-19 will be prioritised for this novel therapeutic.

Sotrovimab is available in all hospitals in Ireland to eligible high-risk patients who test positive for COVID-19. This includes immunocompromised patients. When a patient tests positive, their GP can refer them to a hospital for consideration. The hospital's clinical team will make the decision to prescribe this drug based on a set of clinical guidelines and a prioritisation framework.

I hope this provides you with some assistance.

Yours sincerely

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