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PQ 14903/22 Deputy Róisín Shortall - To ask the Minister for Health the status of plans to establish a pathway for accessing Molnupiravir; the timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Shortall,

Thank you for your representation.

Molnupiravir is an oral antiviral novel COVID-19 therapeutic. Oral antivirals are expected to become available in Ireland in mid-April 2022. The HSE is currently working on putting supports in place to ensure that GP's will have the latest information available to them when considering these novel antivirals. The pathway being developed for accessing oral antivirals envisages that the majority would be prescribed in the community by GP's. The pathway development is in final stages in anticipation of the supply of oral antivirals.

I hope this provides you with some assistance.

Yours sincerely

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