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PQ 14906/22 Deputy Róisín Shortall- To ask the Minister for Health if he will accelerate the establishment of pathways for antivirals and monoclonal antibody treatments in view of rising Covid-19 case numbers; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Shortall,

Thank you for your representation.

As noted in the response to Parliamentary Question 14904/22, the pathway for Sotrovimab is established and working well. As of close of business on Wednesday 16 March 2022 there had been 373 doses of Sotrovimab administered in more than 25 hospitals around Ireland. An e-referral system (Health Link) is now operational to support GPs in the referral of eligible community patients.

As noted in the response to Parliamentary Question 14902/22, the pathway for Paxlovid has been drafted following extensive discussion. The date for Paxlovid becoming available in Ireland is yet to be confirmed but the order has been placed. The HSE is working with Pfizer to gain the initial deliveries of Paxlovid as soon as possible.

I hope this provides you with some assistance.

Yours sincerely

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