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Mr. Brian Stanley T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
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Re: Parliamentary Question - 31060/23

To ask the Minister for Health if he can clarify whether the main vaccination centre for CHO 8 is going to be located in Ardee, County Louth (details supplied). -Brian Stanley

(Details) - If so, How are the Institutions (Nursing Homes, Prisons etc) going to be served? How are the Housebound going to be served? If the proposed Mobile and Pop Up Centres will be managed by County Louth to serve all the 6 counties in CHO 8?

Dear Deputy Stanley,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have sought clarity from the National office for COVID 19 Operations who have responded with the following information:

In line with WHO and NIAC recommendations regarding the Covid-19 vaccination strategy for 2023, Vaccination centres have been scaled back and a new vaccination model is in place. Under the new model, the Vaccination centres are being replaced by Operational Bases for Mobile Teams, delivering vaccinations via Temporary and Pop up clinics, Long Term Residential Facilities, Prison Services, Hospital Inpatients, and Housebound. All bases provide a mobile vaccination service although some bases may also have the facilities to operate as temporary clinics. Each HSE Health Region has a minimum of two Operational bases.

In response to the query regarding the Laois base, we can confirm that:

- There is an Operational Vaccination Base in the St Fintan's Campus, Portlaoise and it covers the Laois and Offaly areas.
- There are no plans to close or move this base, or any of the other Operational Bases. There is an Operational Vaccination Base in the Rochfortbridge Health Centre, Westmeath, and it covers the Westmeath and Longford areas.
- There is an Operational Vaccination Base in Ardee, and it covers the Louth and Meath areas.



Please let me know through my office on cho8@hse.ie if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Broadbank'.

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