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Deputy Healy-Rae
Dáil Éireann,
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Re: 19839/25 - To ask the Minister for Health if pharmacies or GPs can receive smaller batches of vaccines (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Michael Healy-Rae

Dear Deputy Healy-Rae

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 response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The current COVID-19 vaccines in use by the HSE are supplied in boxes that contain 10 vials, with each vial giving up to 6 doses. It is not possible at this time to supply COVID-19 vaccines in smaller quantities than this. It is voluntary for GP's or pharmacies to opt in to deliver the COVID-19 vaccine programmes. The HSE tries to ensure that there is access to COVID-19 vaccines in all areas of the country without people travelling excessive distances. If anyone is having difficulty accessing COVID-19 vaccines, they can phone HSElive at 1800 700 700 and they will inform them of the nearest place where vaccines are available.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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