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Date: 22/01/2021

To: ksmith@irishpsychiatry.ie

Re: Vaccination: College of Psychiatrists of Ireland

Dear Dr. William Flannery,

Thank you for your letter.

Now that there is a safe and effective vaccine available we are aware that most people are keen to get vaccinated as quickly as possible. Currently the key constraint is that there is only a limited amount of vaccine available so it is not possible to reach everyone as quickly as we would like. Given that limitation the Government published a national list of Provisional Vaccine Allocation Groups on December 8th. This list is available at the following link. <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/39038-provisional-vaccine-allocation-groups/>. This guidance is summarised in the table below.

Any grouping or list has limitations and cannot take account of each individual workplace/person, however, the HSE must adhere to this Government policy in rolling out the vaccination programme.

A guidance document on the sequencing of front line healthcare workers, aligned to the NIAC provisional vaccine allocation grouping has been developed and shared with hospital groups and CHOs on January 12th. An update to this guidance was issued on January 19th providing further clarification on how to ensure sequencing is adhered to. A working group, led by Public Health has been established to align healthcare worker categories to the sequencing framework detailed in the guidance document. This will be circulated once completed.

The HSE is doing everything that it can to reach everyone as quickly as possible and I hope that the vaccination of healthcare workers will continue to progress swiftly in line with the Government's Provisional Vaccine Allocation Groups.

Thank you again for your dedication and commitment.

Kind regards,

Dr Colm Henry
Chief Clinical Officer

Group	Provisional vaccine allocation groups
1	People aged 65 years and older who are residents of long-term care facilities (likely to include all staff and residents on site)
2	Frontline healthcare workers
3	People aged 70 and older
4	Other healthcare workers not in direct patient contact
5	People aged 65-69
6	Key workers
7	People aged 18-64 with certain medical conditions
8	Residents of long-term care facilities aged 18-64
9	People aged 18-64 living or working in crowded settings
10	Key workers in essential jobs who cannot avoid a high risk of exposure
11	People working in education sector
12	People aged 55-64
13	Other workers in occupations important to the functioning of society
14	Other people aged 18-54
15	People aged under 18 and pregnant women