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PQ ref 2218/21 (52) To ask the Minister for Health the position of dentists, pharmacists and similar healthcare professionals in prioritisation in the Covid-19 vaccine allocation groups given they are patient facing but are not being addressed as part of the first group of patient facing healthcare workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

Thank you for your representation. The national list of Provisional Vaccine Allocation Groups published on December the 8th. This list is available at the following link. <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/39038-provisional-vaccine-allocation-groups/>.

Dentists and pharmacists are considered as frontline healthcare workers and fall into group 2 some may fall into group 4 depending on their roles. Correspondence issued last Friday the 5th of February asking all frontline staff to register on the online portal and provided the link. The link will become available on Tuesday February 9th, 2021. The portal will be used to facilitate scheduling of vaccination appointments.

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

I hope this provides you with assistance,

Yours sincerely

Sharon Hayden
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