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1. Executive Summary

- 932,324 vaccines administered to the 03rd of April; Over 650,000 people have now received the first dose of their vaccine.

- As of Saturday 03 April, over 43,000 of the very high-risk group have received their first dose vaccine.

- Work has continued over the last week to identify very high risk and high risk individuals but this process continues to be challenging due to the absence of national disease registries. We expect to get all the very high risk patients vaccinated dose 1 administered by early May.

- Understandably many people in cohort 4 want to consult their primary doctor prior to vaccination which means take-up may be slower and more unpredictable.

- This group will be vaccinated through a number of different channels including hospital groups, GPs, and community services.

- Over 360,000 vaccines have been administered by GPs to over 70s as of 03rd April. This includes over 94,045 second doses administered to over 70s. GPs have done superb work in a supply constrained environment with the over 70s. This will substantially complete all dose 1s for over 70s in April.

- Step up in supply in April, May and June with average increasing to 1 million per month.

2. Cumulative vaccines administered to 03rd April

- 932,324* vaccines cumulatively administered to 03rd April (660,800 dose 1 and 271,524 dose 2).

  - Cohort 1 dose 1s substantially completed. Cumulative positions as at 03rd April are total 189,094 (105,716 dose 1 and 83,378 dose 2)

  - Cohort 2 dose 1s substantially completed. Cumulative positions as at 03rd April are total 338,083 (244,116 dose 1 and 93,967 dose 2)

  - 361,359 doses administered to over 70s by GPs to 03rd April. Substantially completed over 80s this week (267,314 dose 1 and 94,045 dose 2)

  - Cohort 4 continuing with 43,455 completed to 03rd April.

*Includes Non coded - 333
3. Performance - week beginning 22nd March

- 124,512* doses administered on the system, ahead of the target for the week of 75,000 to 85,000. This is split by Cohort as follows:
  - Cohort 1 (LTCF) planned to administer 3,550 in the week of the 15th March, actual 8,392.
  - Cohort 2 (FHCW) planned to administer 1,000 the week of 29th March, actual 20,048. This reflects the recommencement of the AstraZeneca vaccine, which was not included in the plan for the week when announced.
  - Continued rollout to Cohort 3 (70 years and older) with a focus on the over 75s, with 81,204 completed the week of 29th March, exceeding the plan roll-out for the week of 75,450. This includes continuing dose 2 for this cohort with 36,604 administered in the week.
  - Cohort 4, 14,831 administered in the week of the 22nd March following recommencement of AZ.

*includes non-coded of 37

4. Progress week of 29th March

- 122,448 vaccines have been administered so far this week (as of 03 April).
- The target of over 100,000 for the week is on track.

5. Week of 5th April plan

- Plan to deliver 120,000 - 125,000 vaccines to the system
- Continued rollout to over 70s through GP with 85,000 to 90,000 vaccines being distributed to c. 540 GPs practices this week.
- LTCF residents mop up continues with c. 1,000 vaccines planned
- FHCW c. 4,000 planned for the week.
- High risk individual plan of 30,000 with AZ through the Hospital Groups/Community teams
6. GP rollout update

- The GP rollout is continuing at pace. Over 361,359 vaccines have been administered by GPs to over 70s as at 03rd April.

- Over 1,300 GP practices representing in excess of 3,000 GPs have participated in administering the over 70s vaccination programme. We remain on track to complete the over 70s first doses by the middle of April.

- Weekly Bulletin now issues to GPs setting out schedule and allocation for vaccine deliveries for the following week.
  - **This Week (29th March)**
    - Continued momentum in the vaccine roll-out for over 70s with the planned administration of c 80,000 doses across c. 560 practices catering for over 1,100 GPs.
    - The focus this week was continuing the dose 1 vaccination of the 75-79 age cohort and commencing dose 2s for the 80-84 age cohort.
    - The Helix will run this weekend (April 3/4) and is expected to administer more than 6,000 doses.
  - **Next Week 5th April**
    - Targeting administration of c.90,000 doses across c. 540 practices catering for over 1,000 GPs.
    - The focus next week will be on substantially completing the dose 1 vaccination of the 75-79 age cohort and commencing and ramping up the dose 1 vaccination of the 70-74 age cohort. Dose 2 vaccination will continue for the 80-84 age cohort.
    - The Cork and Galway hubs are scheduled for April 10 and expect to administer c 2,700 patients* with a mix of dose 2s for 80-84 year olds and dose 1s for 70-74 year olds.
  * numbers to be finalised.

7. Cohorts 4 & 7

**Cohort 4**

- Plan in place with HGs/Community teams (for Mental Health and intellectual disability) and GPs to administer dose 1 vaccines to cohort by early May.
- GPs asked to quantify their patients in cohort 4 by Friday 2 April to support effective distribution of vaccine.
● Communication to public and Health system has been stepped up to support this complex group.

● Many people in cohort 4 want to consult their doctor prior to vaccination which means take-up may be slower and more unpredictable. We are seeing a higher DNA rate for appointments in this group and this is being looked into. Given the complexity of identifying patients as cohort 4 or cohort 7 clinicians will have to move through these cohorts in a seamless manner.

● Management of two vaccines in a single GP practice and move to weekly distribution model for GPs from mid April.

Cohort 7

● Plan to vaccinate cohort 7 through a blended approach of GPs, Community teams (Mental Health and Intellectual disability) and HGs where hospital clinicians identify them.

● Given the complexity of identifying patients as cohort 4 or cohort 7 clinicians and GPs will have flexibility to move through these cohorts in a seamless manner.

● This is a large group with possibly an estd. 400-500,000 people

● Further communication scheduled for both operational system and public.

Hard to reach communities

● 2,000 hard to reach people identified as part of cohort 4. Plan to vaccinate with Jansen in April.

● Current assumption is that we will commence the remainder of hard to reach groups in cohort 9 during May with Janssen vaccine.

8. Cohorts 5 & 6

● VC Plan drafted for those to administer vaccines to Cohort 5 & 6 and available workforce in place.

● Target volumes for April and May have been provided to HG/CHO CEOs for approval and to provide assurance to national programme on availability of required capacity locally.

● Communications plan for launch of portal for cohort 5&6 and approach to registration being drafted.

● HSE live capacity being built to ensure adequate surge capacity in place (c. 16,000 call daily capacity planned by 21st April) from mid April to deal with expected volume of daily calls following launch of portal.
9. IT update

- The public portal will open in mid-April to allow people to register for a COVID-19 vaccine
- Pharmacy: We are progressing with the IT connectivity and developing operational arrangements with the sector so that we can consider when the pharmacists can best enter the programme.
- Work progressing on development of vaccine certificates including integration into HSE and OGCIO infrastructure. Testing of user Apps underway. Investigation continues into data incident; process and technology changes have been implemented to improve security and data protection.

10. Other Topics

1. Beacon
- We have finalized the terms of reference and a reviewer to undertake the review of the sequencing of vaccines at the Beacon as requested by the Minister.