



# CHEEVERSTOWN

TOWARDS A FUTURE WHICH RESPECTS THE CONTRIBUTION & INCLUSION  
OF PEOPLE WITH AN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY.

15<sup>th</sup> January 2021

## COVID-19 Vaccination Programme - A Glimmer of Hope

Dear Family member,

Through the National Federation of Voluntary Service Providers and through our direct contact with HSE CHO7 we have been seeking clarification on when the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme will commence. We are strongly advocating for access to the vaccine for our residents, day service attenders and all staff and while precise details of the vaccine roll out nationally are not yet available we are beginning to receive some positive news.

We have been informed by the HSE that we will shortly have access to the vaccine on a phased basis. In line with Department of Health Provisional Vaccine Allocation Groups the HSE has presently advised us that the first priority group to receive the vaccine will be those of our Service Users who are over the age of 65. While the HSE continue to plan the detail of how, where and when this vaccination will take place we are hopeful that some residents will receive their first dose of the vaccine sometime week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021. We have no clarification as yet on when the vaccine will be available for our staff.

The Government has said it expects 700,000 people will have received the vaccine by the end of March. Please see the Minister for Disability Ms. Anne Rabbitte statement on her twitter account for an update.

While we recognise this is a worrying time for all and we regret not being in a position to provide more clarification at this point in time please be assured that we are making every effort to get more information from the HSE and to progress matters.

We will keep you updated as we receive more information. In the meantime please continue to follow Public Health guidance, stay safe, and again we thank you for your continued commitment to the people we support.

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