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PQ 18102-21 To ask the Minister for Health if it is Government policy or if he supports the policy of refusing medical students and nursing students work placement in cases in which they have opted not to take the Covid-19 vaccination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -

Dear Deputy Tóibín

Thank you for your representation. Correspondence was issued on the 26th of March to the colleges advising that healthcare students that were eligible for vaccination, who had been offered a vaccine and decline should not be assigned to clinical placements in HSE facilities. This has now been reviewed on the basis of the National Immunisation Advisory Committees recommendation not to use AstraZeneca in people under 60 years. Correspondence has issued that superseded this on the 12th of April advising that students eligible for vaccination, had been offered and declined vaccination, should not be assigned to clinical placements in HSE facilities.

I hope this provides you with assistance,

Yours faithfully

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