



21st of April, 2021

Deputy Kelly,
Kildare Street,
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Dublin 2

Re: PQ 18533/21:

“PQ 18533/21: To ask the Minister for Health the way in which he will prevent further instances of double booking for vaccine appointments in which patients have received appointments for vaccination centres and their local general practitioner or hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Kelly,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to your above Parliamentary Questions which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position:

Patients in Cohort 4 have, in some instances, been offered appointments for vaccination from both their GP and the hospital in which they have been receiving treatment.

Eligibility for vaccination for this Cohort is based on medical history and in order to ensure all individuals who are eligible are offered an appointment, both GPs and Hospitals have been identifying those under their care who meet the criteria. GPs have been identifying, scheduling and recording vaccinations in their GP systems for import into the Vaccination system. Hospitals have been directing registering individuals on the system and using this for scheduling appointments which has resulted in this small amount of individuals being offered multiple appointments for vaccination.

The HSE ICT team have been working to ensure the GP systems are linked with the national vaccination system which will prevent this happening into the future.

In addition, the launch of the public portal and the ability for individuals to directly register on the system will ensure there is a single record of those individuals in subsequent cohorts in order to schedule appointments.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Walsh'.

David Walsh
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