



**12<sup>th</sup> of May, 2021**

Deputy Pringle,  
Kildare Street,  
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Dublin 2

**Re: PQ 18780/21**

“PQ 18780/21: To ask the Minister for Health the number of Covid-19 vaccinations administered to staff working in Tusla residential care and special care units; the number of Covid-19 vaccinations administered to staff working in Oberstown Children Detention Campus; the reason for any difference in approach; the timeline for the vaccination of Oberstown staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter”.

Dear Deputy Pringle,

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:

To date the HSE have completed a number of Covid-19 vaccination programmes for more vulnerable groups such as residents in Long Term Care Facilities and those over 70. There are also ongoing vaccinations taking place for frontline healthcare workers, individuals within cohort 4 and individuals within cohort 7 within both the community and the acute settings.

Vaccination Centres are now working at pace to move through age cohorts with the vaccination programme aged 50 to 59 years, commencing week commencing May 10<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the completion of the first dose vaccination of people aged 60 to 69 years. Each HSE Vaccination Centres will continue to move through age cohorts. Under the Covid-19 vaccination programme, as of May 8<sup>th</sup> 2021 over 1.8M Covid-19 vaccines have been administered.

With regard to your query relating to Tusla staff, please note that Frontline Healthcare Workers (FLHCWs) were offered Covid-19 vaccinations under cohort 2 of the vaccination programme; the employer of these individuals was not recorded. As of May 8<sup>th</sup> 2021 357,166 vaccines have been administered to those within cohort 2: FLHCWs.

Staff working in Oberstown Children Detention Campus, were not encompassed by the guidance issued in relation to FLHCWs. However, arrangements are now in place to have staff at this facility vaccinated.

Yours sincerely,

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

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**David Walsh**  
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