

20th April, 2021

Mr. Mick Barry T.D. Dáil Eireann Kildare Street Dublin 2

Re: PQ 18914/21

PQ 18914/21 – "To ask the Minister for Health if all persons employed as vaccinators will be fully vaccinated in advance of being deployed to administer vaccines; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy,

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

Candidates who are appointed as Vaccinators are offered the vaccine prior to commencing in the role. As you are aware however, vaccination cannot be mandated and all of the 38 Centralised Vaccination Clinics have appropriate levels of PPE and infection control procedures in place as a matter of course.

Yours sincerely,

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