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Aodhán Ó Ríordáin  
Dáil Eireann  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
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Ref: PQ 19293/21

RE: Scoil Mochua and Stewarts Hospital school

*“To ask the Minister for Health if the Community Health Organisation CHO7 vaccinated the staff in schools (details supplied).”*

- Aodhán Ó Ríordáin TD

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Dear Deputy Ó Ríordáin

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you regarding the above matter. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

A number of staff of special schools including teachers, special needs assistants and a small number of support staff were vaccinated, following online registration, in a belief that they fitted into the category of frontline health workers (cohort 2). These staff work with children with disabilities, many of whom are in the very high or high-risk categories, and some support these people in residential and respite settings. However they should not have been vaccinated as part of cohort 2, though the decisions to do so were made in good faith.

I trust the above information is of use to you and if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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