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**BY EMAIL ONLY**

**Deputy Willie O'Dea**

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**PQ 21176-21: To ask the Minister for Health the reason student nurses have to be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 to take up employment given this does not apply to their senior colleagues; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy O'Dea,

Thank you for your query.

A decision was made on the 26th of March that healthcare students that were eligible for vaccination, that have been offered vaccination and decline vaccination 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 the under 50 years.

Correspondence has been issued on the 12th of April that supersedes the above 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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