



16th December, 2021

Mr Thomas Gould, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re: 61168/21

PQ 61168/21 – “To ask the Minister for Health if persons who have completed a level 6 vaccination course through a company (details supplied) can apply as vaccinators; if not, the reason; 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.

The Statutory Instrument (S.I. No 698 of 2020 and amendment No. 81 of 2021) lists the cohort of health care professionals who can legally administer the vaccine with the required specific training, namely:

- Medical practitioners
- A registered nurse (including a registered midwife)
- A registered pharmacist
- An advanced paramedic
- A paramedic
- An emergency medical technician
- A physiotherapist registered in the register of the Physiotherapists Registration Board
- A registered optometrist
- A registered dentist.

The HSE can only recruit vaccinators from those disciplines defined above.

Specific COVID-19 training, including face to face training, is developed for these vaccinators, and is available through our Centres for Nursing and Midwifery Education Centres and an external training agency and is co-ordinated centrally.



After a candidate applies for the national COVID-19 vaccinator recruitment campaign, Cpl Healthcare will make contact to determine the candidate's current training status on the defined training courses.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Frances McNamara', is positioned above a thin horizontal line.

Frances McNamara
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