



4th February, 2021

Deputy Ged Nash,
Kildare Street,
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Dublin 2

PQ 5908/21 - To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE plans to engage the services of general practitioner practice nurses who are skilled in the inoculation of patients to play a part in the programme in view of the engagement of general practitioners to assist in the community roll-out of the national Covid-19 vaccination programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

-Ged Nash

Dear Deputy Nash,

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 published by the Department of Health, lists the cohort of health care professionals who can legally administer the vaccine with the required specific training, this includes registered nurses. The HSE will be recruiting through local and national campaigns and all qualified individuals are welcome to apply. GP practices will be engaged to administer vaccines as part of our vaccine roll out, as part of this all eligible staff in these settings will be able to administer vaccines. Practice Nurses will be essential supports to General Practitioners in vaccinating large numbers of citizens.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Walsh".

David Walsh,
Workstream Lead Vaccination Process and Workforce