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Deputy Aodhán Ó Ríordáin TD
Dáil Éireann
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Re: **PQ6458/21**

To ask the Minister for Health the number and proportion of the National Ambulance Service, Dublin Fire Brigade and other workers providing front-line ambulance services that have been given first and second scheduled vaccinations against Covid-19 as of 1 February 2020 or the latest date available. - Aodhán Ó Ríordáin

Dear Deputy Ó Ríordáin

I refer to the above PQ to the HSE and my response below refers,

The National Ambulance Service (NAS) commenced peer vaccinations on Thursday 7th January 2021 in the North Leinster region with a testing site located in the Phoenix Park Dublin. The Chief Fire Officer for Dublin Fire Brigade (DFB) contacted the NAS Director in relation to the NAS assisting DFB personnel with vaccination and NAS facilitated same.

We can confirm that up to 1st February 2020 over 1400 of NAS staff have been vaccinated via peer vaccination and also with collaboration with our colleagues in the Acute Hospitals Sector. In relation to DFB, 240 members of DFB were vaccinated on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th January 2021 and a further 12 vaccinated on 16th January 2021.

As you are aware there was a lack of vaccine supply nationally and as such the vaccinations for NAS staff and other state bodies were deferred. We can confirm that as of today (18th February 2021) all the remaining personnel, that wished to receive the vaccine, from the NAS and other state bodies have been vaccinated with some having received their 2nd doses of vaccine in line with the NIAC guidelines.

I trust this information is of assistance to and should you require additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

Martin Dunne, Director
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