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Deputy Aodhán Ó Ríordáin TD
Dáil Éireann
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Re: **PQ 6460/21**

To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that Covid-19 vaccinations for many front-line paramedics in the Dublin Fire Brigade service were cancelled; the reason the vaccinations were cancelled; the date for the completion of vaccinations for Dublin Fire Brigade and National Ambulance Service staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Aodhán Ó Ríordáin

Dear Deputy Ó Ríordáin

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

The roll out of the COVID-19 vaccination programme for health care workers is a matter for the Health Service Executive and the National Immunisation Advisory Committee (NIAC). Vaccines are being given to priority groups first, priority groups as outlined by the COVID-19 allocation strategy, which was developed by the National Immunisation Advisory Committee (NIAC).

As you are aware there was a lack of vaccine supply nationally and as such the vaccinations for NAS staff and other state bodies including Dublin Fire Brigade (DFB) 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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