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**PQ9745/21 To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the Covid-19 vaccine refusal rates amongst healthcare workers in acute hospital groups in tabular form.**

Dear Deputy Daly

Thank you for your representation. There has been a significant demand to receive the COVID-19 vaccines to date, which is welcomed. The data available to the HSE currently relates to the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021, at the time a total of 91,548 vaccinations were administered in Long Term Care Facility staff and residents (69,038 Dose 1 and 22,510 dose 2).

Records from the IT Vaccination portal show that of these Cohort 1 vaccinations, as of 8th February 2021, approx. 1% of people (staff and residents) opted out the Dose 1 vaccination.

Complete data of other cohorts who decline the vaccine is not currently available, as this is an opt-in programme where staff can now self-register, the portal does not record staff who do not register for vaccination. Should a person change their mind, vaccination can be made available to them. Validated data will be available upon completion of the vaccination rollout.

There are a number of reasons why someone might decline a Covid-19 vaccine, for example, they;

- have had a severe allergic reaction to any of the ingredients in the vaccine
- currently have COVID-19 or symptoms of COVID-19, or are recovering from COVID-19
- have a fever (temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or above)
- are less than 14 weeks or more than 33 weeks pregnant
- have had a severe allergic reaction to other vaccines in the past
- have a severe uncontrolled bleeding disorder.

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely

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