



19th January, 2021

Deputy Joe Carey
Dáil Eireann
Dublin 2

Ref: PQ 1761/20

Dear Deputy Carey,

I am pleased to enclose the response to your PQ raised below:

“ To ask the Minister for Health the details of the recruitment process for vaccinators to administer the Covid-19 vaccination; the number of vaccinators currently in place; his plans to escalate the further recruitment of vaccinators; and if he will make a statement on the matter. (Ref PQ 1761/20) “

Workforce planning is advanced in terms of the roll out of mass vaccination centres and offers of vaccinator assistance are being collated and acknowledged. We are mobilising an initial team of approx. 1,700 vaccinators across the country. More than 4,000 people have now completed the vaccinator training programme. The Statutory Instrument 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 person registered in the register of the Physiotherapists Registration Board.

These professions are currently being targeted for the recruitment of vaccinators.

Yours sincerely,

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

David Walsh,
Workstream Lead Vaccination Process and Workforce