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**PQ ref 3179/21 (63) To ask the Minister for Health the measures he is taking to ensure proper organisation of times for vaccinations and checks being carried out in locations providing vaccinations (details supplied)**

**As there was no register or check as to who was entitled to the vaccine, as per government vaccination strategy, people who were not entitled to the vaccine received it. Anecdotal examples included retired nurses, admin staff, partners/spouses of medics being vaccinated.**

Dear Deputy Cairns

Now that there is a safe and effective vaccine available we are aware that most people are keen to get vaccinated as quickly as possible.

Currently the key constraint is that there is only a limited amount of vaccine available so it is not possible to reach everyone as quickly as we would like. Given that limitation the Government published a national list of Provisional Vaccine Allocation Groups on December 8<sup>th</sup>. This list is available at the following link. <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/39038-provisional-vaccine-allocation-groups/>.

We are aware of a small number of incidences where, in order to ensure no wastage, that the vaccine was administered to people in groups further down the vaccine allocation grouping. All vaccine administration sites are required to have standby lists of frontline healthcare workers later in the sequence to ensure that staff are available at short notice in the event that frontline healthcare workers earlier in the sequence order are not able to attend or could not receive the vaccine. Guidance documents have been issued to hospital groups and the community to this effect in relation to the Sequencing of the vaccination programme for healthcare workers provided in the link below

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/news/newsfeatures/covid19-updates/covid-19-vaccine-materials/sequencing-of-covid-19-vaccination-of-frontline-healthcare-workers>.

The HSE is doing everything that it can to reach everyone as quickly as possible,

I hope that this provides you with some assistance,

Yours sincerely



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