



10th February 2021

Deputy Rose Conway-Walsh,
Kildare Street,
Dáil Eireann
Dublin 2

Re: PQ 4832/21 - To ask the Minister for Health if therapeutic staff for children with complex needs will be redeployed in any capacity in relation to the Covid-19 vaccine roll-out; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Conway-Walsh,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to your above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position

The design principle behind the workforce planning for the Mass Vaccination Centres is based on creating new WTE/additionality, rather than targeting staff in existing services and compromising service delivery. Recruitment will be at hospital group/CHO level for local vaccination centres and any decisions in relation to redeployment to man these teams will be made locally with due regard to the impact it would have on local services.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

David Walsh,
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