



**12<sup>th</sup> March, 2021**

Deputy Eoghan Murphy,  
Kildare Street,  
Dáil Eireann,  
Dublin 2

**Re: PQ 12739/21**

PQ 12739/21 – “To ask the Minister for Health the capacity available to administer the Covid-19 vaccine as one million doses per month is received; and if there is a contingency plan to scale capacity up if more doses become available.”

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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

The centralised vaccination programme is designed to be flexible in nature and will have capacity to scale up and down depending on factors relating to supply and demand. It is anticipated there will be a range of pop up and temporary vaccination sites at local levels to meet these changes in supply and demand.

To drive consistency of delivery and vaccination scale, we have developed the HSE Vaccination Clinic Operating Model. This is a practical framework for those tasked with planning and establishing vaccination clinics, across all areas and venues. It ensures that the vaccination service is standardised and consistent across the clinics and country. This Operating Model is a living document where, as we implement the guidance and standards, we will continually work to gather insights for best vaccination practice as supply increases.

Yours sincerely,

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

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**David Walsh**  
**Workstream Lead Vaccination Process and Workforce**