



26th March, 2021

Deputy Noel Grealish,
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Re: PQ 13975/21

PQ 13975/21 – “To ask the Minister for Health the number of front-line healthcare workers are in group 2 of the vaccine allowance programme; the number of healthcare workers in group six of the vaccine allocation programme; the number of each group that have received their vaccine to date; the reason healthcare workers in group six that are receiving the vaccine ahead of those in groups three to five; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Grealish,

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 numbers of people estimated in the various cohorts and the numbers vaccinated to date are set out below. Guidance was issued by the HSE on identification of Front line workers and the prioritisation within same. This was issued to all providers.

- a) Estimated number of frontline healthcare workers in group 2:
The total number of Frontline Healthcare Workers in Cohort 2 for planning purposes was estimated at 200,000. This was a high level estimate as there is no specific system that can identify frontline workers across the public, voluntary, section 38, section 39 and private healthcare sector.
- b) Estimated number of healthcare workers in group 6:
The total number of other healthcare workers, not in direct patient contact, for planning purposes was estimated at 22,000. This is also a high level estimate as there is no specific system that can identify the total numbers in this cohort.
- c) Number of group 2 who have received vaccination:
As of end of day 22nd March 2021, 218,989 dose 1 vaccinations and 89,910 dose 2 vaccinations have been administered to group 2.
- d) Number of group 6 who have received vaccination:
As of end of day the 22nd March we have not commenced vaccinations to Cohort 6.

As noted above, vaccinations of those in group 6 have not commenced as of yet. At present, we are working to vaccinate group 2, 3 and 4. Some groupings are being vaccinated in tandem with one another.

Yours sincerely,



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