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Deputy Matt Carthy

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PQ 14131-21 To ask the Minister for Health the number of personnel from dental practices that have received their first and second vaccination for Covid-19 as of 9 March 2021, by county in tabular form; the estimated number by each county that have yet to receive a vaccination; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Carthy

Thank you for your representation. Now that safe and effective vaccines are available, we understand that people wish to be vaccinated as quickly as possible. The demand for vaccines has surpassed the available supply. Frontline healthcare workers who are in cohort 2, which include dentists had been asked to register on the portal. The vaccination programme requires dentists to opt in. Therefore the detail in this request is not available.

The HSE worked closely with the IDA to identify and resolve issues with the vaccination of Dentists. Recent communication from the Irish Dental Association acknowledges the significant progress made and work continues to ensure that all Dentists who seek a vaccination are facilitated swiftly.

I hope this provides you with assistance,

Yours faithfully

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