

19th March, 2021

Mr. David Cullinane T.D.
Dáil Eireann
Kildare Street,
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Re: PQ 14396/21

PQ 14396/21 – “To ask the Minister for Health if the criteria for upcoming vaccine administration positions will be revised (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy,

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 Statutory Instruments (SI No 698 of 2020 and SI No. 81 of 2021) lists the cohort of health care professionals who can legally administer the vaccine, once they are registered with their regulatory body and with the required specific training, namely:

- Medical practitioners
- A registered nurse (including a registered midwife)
- A registered pharmacist
- An advanced paramedic
- A paramedic
- An emergency medical technician
- A physiotherapist registered in the register of the Physiotherapists Registration Board
- A registered optometrist
- A registered dentist.

The HSE can only recruit vaccinators from disciplines approved by the Department of Health. The HSE will widen the recruitment pool to include any additional professionals agreed by the Department of Health to legally administer the vaccine with the required specific training.

Yours sincerely,



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