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Deputy Róisín Shortall

Dáil Éireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2 Email:

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PQ 15236-21 - To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to concerns raised in relation to some Covid-19 vaccinators not being vaccinated themselves before administering the vaccine to others; the groups of vaccinators currently administering the vaccine without having received the vaccine themselves; the steps he will take to ensure that all vaccinators receive the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -

Dear Deputy Shortall

Thank you for your representation. The HSEs aim is to vaccinate the staff administering the COVID 19 vaccines. There may have been some challenges at the beginning of the roll out of the vaccination programme when there was just one vaccine available the Pfizer BioNtech vaccine, and now that safe and effective vaccines are available, the aim is to vaccinate people as quickly as possible.

I hope this provides you with assistance,

Yours faithfully

Sharon Hayden General Manager Office of the CCO