



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
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PQ15686/21: To ask the Minister for Health the workforce planning for the delivery of the vaccination centre in County Mayo; the number of staff required to run the Breaffy, County Mayo vaccination centre; the number of personnel that will be recruited for this operation; the number that will be offered agency or HSE contracts; the duration of contracts offered; the entry level qualifications required; the type of training provided; if staff will be deployed from Mayo University Hospital or Community Healthcare West; if so, the areas from which they will be deployed; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Dillon,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question/Public Representation which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Number of staff required to run the vaccination centre at Breaffy House; the number to be recruited:
96.5 Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) staff will be required to run the vaccination centre at full capacity. This includes: 2.5WTE Operational Site/Clinical Leads; 82.5 WTE Vaccinators and 11.5WTE Administrators. There are currently 36 WTE in post in the centre. It is planned to have the full complement of staff in post in early June but this will be dependent on vaccine supply.

Number of staff that will be offered agency or HSE contracts:

It is planned to locally recruit all posts and offer HSE contracts. However, it may be necessary to fill any gaps in service with agency staff.

Duration of contracts offered: Contracts of 6 months duration will be offered.

Entry level qualifications required:

Vaccinators are required to be registered health care professionals, i.e. Nurses, Midwives, Health & Social Care Professionals, Medical staff etc.

Administrative staff are required to meet the criteria for HSE Clerical Officer, Grade III.

The type of training provided:

All vaccinators will be required to complete the national vaccination programme.

If staff will be deployed from Mayo University Hospital or Community Healthcare West:

As the vaccine supply increases in early summer, it may be necessary to redeploy staff from CHO West and Hospital to support the programme. This is currently being explored at a national and local level.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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