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PQ15697/21 To ask the Minister for Health the date on which he will publish guidance in relation to workers that have been out due to health issues and have since been vaccinated which would potentially allow workers to return to healthcare work. -Neasa Hourigan

Dear Deputy,

I refer to your recent parliamentary question above which was sent to the HSE for reply.

The HSE Clinical Advisory Support Group (CASG) of the COVID Implementation team have recommended that healthcare workers aged 70 and over, with no medical condition that places them at high risk of severe COVID-19, can return to work two weeks after the second dose of their MRNA vaccine schedule. This is subject to an assessment by Occupational Health.

Decisions with regard to the return to work of other medically vulnerable and vaccinated healthcare workers are actively reviewed on a weekly basis by the CASG. These decisions are based on emerging international evidence and any updates in this regard, will be issued by the Office of the Chief Clinical Officer.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marie O'Sullivan".

Marie O'Sullivan
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