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PQ 15838-21 - To ask the Minister for Health if office bound HSE staff have received a Covid-19 vaccine; the number of this cohort who have received a vaccine; the rationale for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -

Dear Deputy Shortall

Thank you for your representation. A sequencing approach has been very clearly defined by the Chief Clinical Officer since the 12th January. This approach allows for the sequencing of those not in direct patient/service user contact, but who provide essential health services, for example, management, administration and other non-patient/service user facing personnel.

The impact of the vaccination programme to date has been considerable in terms of the collapse in the number of cases among all hospital healthcare workers. That includes those not in direct patient contact and by vaccinating them, we protect everybody, especially patients.

Vaccination sites are doing their utmost to ensure that the sequencing guidance is adhered to and the vaccine is administered in a safe and timely manner. In addition we encourage sites to ensure not one vial is wasted. If the HSE is alerted to sequencing breaches, the information is acted upon.

I hope this provides you with assistance,

Yours faithfully

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