



**30<sup>th</sup> March, 2021**

Deputy Denis Naughten,  
Kildare Street,  
Dáil Eireann,  
Dublin 2

**Re: PQ 16234/21**

PQ 16234/21 – “To ask the Minister for Health the reason back office HSE staff are being vaccinated for Covid-19 when front-line healthcare staff and nursing students have still not received their vaccination; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Naughten,

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:

HSE vaccination clinics were directed to follow the scheduling in the Government Strategy and the guidance put in place by the Chief Clinical Officer to vaccinate staff taking into account their risk of exposure to Covid 19 in their work setting rather than their grade. Where this has not happened, both the CCO and the CEO have been clear that this is an unacceptable practice.

At this point almost every person who has registered as a front line healthcare worker has now been offered a vaccination with the remainder being vaccinated over the next week.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Walsh'.

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**David Walsh**  
**Workstream Lead Vaccination Process and Workforce**