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Mr. David Cullinane TD  
Dáil Eireann  
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Re: PQ ref 16968/21

*“To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the conclusions of the HSE investigation into a reported data breach in relation to the Covid-19 vaccine database; if this has been reported to the Data Protection Commissioner; the type of investigation carried out by the HSE; if a data protection impact assessment has been conducted since the breach; the steps taken to protect persons' data and privacy in relation to the breach; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”*

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The HSE takes security of the CoVax system very seriously and we have been working with IBM & Salesforce to ensure that we fully comply with best practice and industry standards. While the investigation is ongoing into the potential data breach, we haven't reached a conclusion yet.

We are making progress and ensure you that the potential breach, was not wide spread and was limited in nature. The Data Protection Commissioner has been kept up to date with the status of the investigation.

If you feel that the question has not been fully answered or you require any further clarity, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fran Thompson".

Fran Thompson,  
Interim Chief Information Officer, OoCIO, HSE.