



**1<sup>st</sup> of April, 2021**

Deputy Shortall,  
Kildare Street,  
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Dublin 2

**Re: PQ17635/21**

“PQ17635/21. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there was a significant drop in the number of persons in cohort 1 that were recorded as having received the first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine between 21 March 2021 and 22 March 2021, when the numbers fell from 107,168 to 95,916; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Shortall,

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:

Cohort 1 on the dashboard "Long Term Residential Care Facilities" includes both residents and workers in those facilities. In a limited number of cases some of those workers who were also healthcare workers should have been categorised as Cohort 2 "Healthcare Workers". These cases are reviewed regularly and a re-categorisation of those healthcare workers was done on evening of 24th March impacting the figures between 21st and 22nd March (a similar exercise was done on 8th March and may be done again in the future). The net effect of this update was a reduction the Cohort 1 vaccination numbers and an increase Cohort 2 numbers with total figures Cohort 1 & 2 remaining the same.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Walsh".

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**David Walsh**  
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