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PQ56643/21 To ask the Minister for Health if pregnant healthcare workers will be afforded the opportunity to move to a non-patient facing role due to rising Covid-19 case numbers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Patricia Ryan

Dear Deputy,

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

Please find attached guidance in this regard:

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/workplace-health-and-wellbeing-unit/covid-19-guidance/guidance-on-fitness-for-work-of-healthcare-workers-in-the-higher-risk-categories.pdf>

Each pregnant worker is advised to attend Occupational Health and is individually assessed and assigned to a risk group. Other factors such as the prevalence of the disease in the community and the type of work that the employee does are taken into consideration. The outcome of the risk assessment will determine what work the employee can or cannot do.

Yours sincerely,

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

Marie O'Sullivan
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