



31st January, 2022

Mr Duncan Smith, T.D.,
Dáil Eireann,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re: 63257/21

PQ 63257/21 – “To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent vaccination posts required to meet the targets set out in the Covid-19 booster campaign; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to your above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

A detailed breakdown of the number of whole-time equivalent vaccination posts required to meet the targets set out in the Covid-19 booster campaign is not available principally because booster doses are administered by the same workforce and across the same pathways (including mobile teams, pharmacies, GPs and the National Ambulance Service as well as CVCs) as primary vaccinations. Booster vaccinations are offered (at the appropriate interval) along with appointments for primary vaccinations and are offered through scheduled appointments, walk in clinics or self-scheduled appointments.

The monthly average of whole-time equivalent vaccination posts from the commencement of the centralised vaccination centres in April 2021, is outlined in the table below:

Month	Vaccinator WTE (4 week average)
April	502.83
May	1,327.61
June	1,389.91
July	1,481.91
August	1,452
September	1,071.18
October	721.65
November	669.99
December	746.54



Variations in the figures of whole-time equivalent vaccination posts are influenced by factors including vaccine availability and demand. We have been fortunate to have always had sufficient vaccinators to meet requirements.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frances McNamara', is positioned above a horizontal line.

Frances McNamara
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COVID-19 Vaccination Programme