



31st January, 2022

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

Re: PQ 63258/21 – “To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent vaccination posts there have been for each month in 2021, in tabular form; 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.

The National COVID-19 Vaccination Programme commenced in late December 2020. People who were most at risk from COVID-19 were vaccinated first, starting with those in long-term residential care facilities and large scale healthcare environments. The mass vaccination centres became operational in early April 2021 and reporting on these sites followed on a weekly basis. The monthly average of whole-time equivalent vaccinator posts in CVCs is outlined in the table below:

Month (2021)	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. At all times there were sufficient Vaccinator roles to administer available vaccine.



In addition to the Vaccinator role in CVCs, private pharmacies, GP practices and peer vaccinators also contributed to the roll out of the vaccination programme.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frances McNamara', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Frances McNamara
Assistant National Director
COVID-19 Vaccination Programme