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Ms. Neasa Hourigan,

Dáil Éireann,

Dublin 2

PQ ref 11096/22

“To ask the Minister for Health the number of CHO4 mental health service management staff that were offered priority first dose Covid-19 vaccinations in January 2021 ahead of patients and nursing staff of St. Stephen’s Hospital, Glanmire and the Owenacurra Centre, Midleton, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Deputy Neasa Hourigan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

All vaccinations are administered in accordance with the guidance on co-horting and prioritisation which is in place at the time of vaccination.

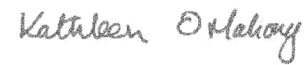
In response to your query, and in the context of the evolving vaccination programme in early 2021 whereby there were a number of vaccination streams being rolled out for both staff and residents, the dates on which residents were vaccinated depended on the cohort into which they fell for the purposes of vaccination scheduling i.e. whether they were resident in a mental health registered facility or an older person’s registered facility. Similarly, the dates on which staff were vaccinated and the numbers vaccinated depended on which of the staff vaccination streams that they accessed their vaccination.

Vaccination records for residents of our services and healthcare workers are recorded and retained on the Covax IT system in the same way as for all members of the public, in the format of individual

clinical records. The records are therefore subject to GDPR protections in regard to confidentiality of such records.

I trust that this information will be of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen O'Mahony". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**Kathleen O'Mahony,
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