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Deputy Neasa Hourigan.
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

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PQ Number: 22728/22

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the exact dates in 2021 that CHO7 and CHO9 mental health service management staff (details supplied) were offered first-dose COVID-19 vaccinations as part of the HSE vaccination roll-out by role in tabular form; the exact dates in 2021 that CHO7 and CHO9 that mental health service heads of discipline were offered first-dose COVID-19 vaccinations; the dates that each head of discipline received vaccinations; and if he will make a statement on the matter - Neasa Hourigan

Details supplied: Chief Officer, A/Head of Services, General Manager, Business Manager, Finance Manager, Area Administrator; acknowledging that it does not constitute a GDPR issue when examining the date a public servant is offered as opposed to whether they accepted or decline it

Dear Deputy 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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

In December 2020, the Government published a COVID-19 vaccination strategy and implementation plan. It provided the provisional sequencing for groups to be vaccinated based on clinical priorities and an ethical framework. This was updated on March 31st 2021.

- Group 1.** People aged 65 years and older who are residents of long-term care facilities (likely to include all staff and residents on site)
- Group 2.** Frontline healthcare workers
- Group 3.** People aged 70 and older
- Group 4.** People aged 16-69 with a medical condition that puts them at very high risk of severe disease and death
- Group 5.** People aged 65-69 whose underlying condition puts them at a high risk of severe disease and death
- Group 6.** Other people aged 65-69 Key workers essential to the vaccine programme



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Group 7. People aged 16-64 who have an underlying condition that puts them at high risk of severe disease and death.

Group 8. Residents of long-term care facilities aged 16-64.

Group 9. People aged 64 years and younger in the following order:

- i. 64-55 years
- ii. 54-45 years
- iii. 44-35 years
- iv. 34-25 years
- v. 24-16 years

When staff signed up to the COVID vaccination Programme they were advised of the following:

Data will only be shared on a strict need-to-know basis for specific purposes relating to the management of the vaccination programme and Health Identification Services.

It may only be accessed by:

- HSE staff involved in pre-vaccination, vaccine administration, and post-vaccination tasks as well as general management of the programme
- HSE staff and external suppliers involved in providing the Health Identification Services
- External professionals such as GPs and Pharmacists in relation to their patients
- Private Hospitals and Service Providers (Section 38 & 39 agencies) administering vaccines on behalf of the HSE;
- External data processors for the purposes of issuing Digital COVID Certificates
- External suppliers for the purposes of managing and maintaining IT systems
- Health Products Regulatory Authority for the purposes of monitoring vaccine safety.
- Other Government agencies for the purposes of preparing anonymised statistical reports

Your Parliamentary Question above, asks for very specific information pertaining to very specific staff members. As this information will readily identify individual staff members who signed up to the programme, this information cannot be released. However, I can advise you that Mental Health in Dublin South, Kildare and West Wicklow Community Healthcare (CHO7) began vaccinating Group 2 Frontline Healthcare Workers on 11th February 2021. COVID-19 vaccinations in Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County were offered in line with the sequencing of COVID-19 vaccination guidelines.



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I trust this information is of assistance to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Ryan'.

Jim Ryan
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