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PQ 24134/22: To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in the disbursement of the Covid pandemic recognition payment; and the date when qualifying recipients in County Galway will receive their payment

Dear Deputy Farrell

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

Staff who meet the eligibility requirements of HSE HR Circular 12/20222 are entitled to payment of the pandemic Recognition Award. The eligibility criteria requires an employee to have worked in a Covid 19 exposed environment for a minimum of 4 weeks between 1/3/2020 and 30/6/2021 and to have been properly vaccinated in Cohorts 1 and 2 of the vaccination programme.

Payment has commenced in some locations to eligible workers. Each area are continuing to identify those eligible and will be processing payments as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

John Delamere,

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