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Mr. Joe Flaherty T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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Re: Parliamentary Question - 57429/22

To ask the Minister for Health the reason that staff employed in the vaccination centre at Newtownforbes, County Longford, are still awaiting their bonus pandemic payment of €1,000.

Dear Deputy Flaherty,

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 I outline the position as follows.

All eligible staff currently employed by the HSE working in the Longford Vaccination Centre have been processed for the pandemic payment. All eligible staff who have left e.g. retired, resigned etc. who had HSE contracts have also been processed for the pandemic payment.

The HSE, with support from an external contractor Kosi Corporation Ltd., is currently engaged in a process to implement the payment of the Covid-19 Recognition Payment to the following cohorts of workers in non-HSE and non-Section 38 organisations;

1. Private Sector Nursing Homes and Hospices (for example: Private, Voluntary, Section 39)
2. eligible staff working on-site in Section 39 long-term residential care facilities for people with disabilities
3. agency roles working in the HSE
4. Health Care Support Assistants (also known as home help / home care / home support) contracted to the HSE.

Since Tuesday 1st November 2022 communication has issued to organisations of potentially eligible employees with guidance on how to access funding for this payment in respect of their employees.

Agency staff currently and previously contracted to the Longford Vaccination Centre who are eligible for the payment will be paid via this process.



I trust the above is in order and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Des O'Flynn', written in a cursive style.

Des O'Flynn
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