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PQ ref 12735/23

"To ask the Minister for Health the exact dates in 2021 on which ground floor staff, including nurses, healthcare assistants, catering and housekeeping staff of Marymount Hospice, Cork were offered first-dose Covid vaccines; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

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.

From late December 2020 Healthcare workers were offered vaccination in accordance with guidance issued by the HSE outlining the sequencing of vaccinations for healthcare workers through various streams of delivery. The date on which staff were offered vaccine depended on which stream of the vaccination programme they accessed their vaccine through. Staff at residential services for older persons were offered vaccination at the same time as residents by visiting vaccination teams and this approach was subsequently extended over time to staff at other residential services such as disabilities and mental health. In addition to this, vaccine was available in centralised vaccination clinics set up specifically to vaccinate staff. Staff were also offered vaccination at end of day clinics set up as part of other vaccination streams to ensure that all vaccine supplied was used and that there would be no dose discarded.

The information you request on specific staff groupings is contained within individual vaccination records retained on the Covax IT system in the same way as it is for all members of the public, in the format of individual clinical records. The records on Covax are created and maintained on the basis of individual identifiers such as name, date of birth, home address, PPSN, mobile number etc. and the system does not generate the information that you have requested on the basis of numbers of healthcare workers vaccinated by profession or very specific work settings.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Kathleen O Mahony,
General Manager,