



21st of April, 2021

Deputy O'Callaghan,
Kildare Street,
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Dublin 2

Re: PQ 18184/21:

“PQ 18184/21: To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure that the recent events involving a hospital (details supplied- Beacon Hospital) and the Covid-19 vaccine does not reoccur; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy O'Callaghan,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to your above Parliamentary Questions which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position:

HSE vaccination clinics are directed to follow the scheduling in the Government Strategy and the guidance put in place by the Chief Clinical Officer to vaccinate staff taking into account their risk of exposure to Covid 19 in their work setting rather than their grade.

Where this has not happened, both the Chief Clinical Officer and the Chief Executive Officer have been clear that this is an unacceptable practice. This strong message has been given to senior operational managers and vaccination leads.

As we now move to an age based sequencing system I anticipate that these issues will not recur.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Walsh".

David Walsh
Workstream Lead Vaccination Process and Workforce