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PQ 3563/21 (65) To ask the Minister for Health the person or body that the group and company refer to in the HSE briefing on the vaccination programme which refers to private vaccinator contractors specifically; the number of contractors the HSE plan to hire; the company employed; the reason the HSE is not directly recruiting any additional staff that may be needed for the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Smith

Thank you for your representation. Now that there are safe and effective vaccines available we are aware that most people are keen to get vaccinated as quickly as possible. The HSE's programme for the administration of the vaccines is aligned with the priority groups published by Government; a national list of Provisional Vaccine Allocation Groups. This list is available at the following link: <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/39038-provisional-vaccine-allocation-groups/> published on December the 8th 2020,

The HSE is using agency to recruit new vaccinators for mass vaccination centres. The aim is to ensure that the HSE avoids attracting applications from existing health service employees and thereby risking continuity of services and agreed service developments. The projected workforce to operate the mass vaccination centres are between 1500 (at minimum capacity) and 2,500 WTEs (at max capacity).

Yours sincerely

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