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Staff Vaccinations and Close Contacts

1. The medical director has given an interview with the Nolan show this morning (10/11/21). The medical director stated that one in five members of staff are unvaccinated. I request any documents to back up this claim please.

At 10 November 2021, 16,012 staff members had received two doses of Covid vaccine.

Dose 2 Analysis

Total	16,012
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Staff group	Vaccinated	Number of Staff In Post November 2021	% of staff group vaccinated
Medical & Dental	1,435	1,581	91
Nursing & Midwifery	4,744	7,443	64
Professional & Technical	2,928	3,721	79
Social Services	1,931	2,826	68
Support Services	1,674	2,311	72
Estates	205	259	79
Admin & Clerical	3,054	3,666	83
Covid Response	41	39	105*

* These figures are indicators only e.g. although 41 Covid Response staff are listed as having been vaccinated over the period some staff are no longer in post (39 in post November 2021).

Please note.

- I. Belfast Health and Social Care Trust strongly encouraged all staff to take up the offer of the Covid-19 Vaccine. However, it is important to note it is not a mandatory requirement for staff.
- II. The Vaccine Management System that the majority of staff across health and social care used to book their vaccine appointments is a regional system. Belfast Trust is only able to access data on staff uptake of Covid-19 vaccinations for those staff who attended for their vaccine in the Belfast Trust Vaccination Centre, at the Royal Victoria Hospital.

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- III. Belfast Trust staff uptake of Covid-19 vaccination, which is provided, is for the period **8/12/20** (when the vaccination programme began in the Belfast Trust) to the **10/11/21**.
- IV. Please note these figures are for permanent and temporary staff only. Bank staff for the period 20/01/21 to 10/11/21.
- V. The figures **do not** include joint appointments, bank staff (for the period 8/12/20 - 19/01/21), locums, agency. The figures **do not include** Belfast Trust staff who attended and received their vaccination at other vaccination centres, such as SSE Arena or other centres close to home, GP Surgeries or local Pharmacies.

2. Does the senior executive team receive daily or weekly reports on staff vaccinations?

The Senior Executive Team receives daily Covid Vaccination – running total reports on vaccination activity.

As stated within the response to Question 1, The Vaccine Management System that the majority of staff across health and social care use to book their vaccination appointment is a regional system. In order to extrapolate detailed staff information, the Trust has to undertake a significant piece of work to e.g. match data from the VMS with internal Trust systems before compiling a detailed analysis staff vaccination report to the Executive Team.

3. The medical director then indirectly indicated that members of staff are possibly becoming infected with covid in staff tea rooms or canteens. I request any documents to back up this claim please.

Occupational Health compile weekly dashboard information in relation to contact tracing. Between 16/08/21 and 15/11/21 (3 month time period) there were a total of 78 close contacts identified from contacts in a tea room or over lunchtime. This equates to 40% of the total number of staff identified as a close contacts within that time period.