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A&E Attendance, Vaccination Status of Vaccinators, Complaints and Compensation re Covid Vaccine – Query following response of 21/12/2021

Question 1: Copies to and from DoH regarding A and E numbers and attempt to reduce numbers since 1st August 2021 to now.

I asked for correspondence. Was there any or are you not providing it?

Belfast Trust has no correspondence specifically to and from the Department of Health regarding A&E and an attempt to reduce numbers from 1 August 2021 to now.

Belfast Trust has, however, been working collaboratively with the Department of Health for a number of years on the No More Silos initiative. This is the Department of Health's action plan to support and maintain urgent and emergency care by making changes to existing services and introducing new pathways for patients to receive care, for example, the Urgent Care Centre at the Royal Victoria Hospital. These new pathways are designed to improve patient experience and may reduce the numbers attending A&E. However, A&E attendance to date has not reduced.

Questions 3 and 4:

3. How many Covid vaccinators in the Trust are vaccinated?

4. How many Covid vaccinators in the Trust and not vaccinated?

Is there any chance of getting numbers vaccinated / not vaccinated or percentages?

Belfast Trust would encourage anyone who has not yet had their COVID-19 vaccine to come forward and get the jab to protect themselves, their families, our patients and service users. We continue to strongly urge all our 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. We have developed a comprehensive communication plan and programme with staff to encourage vaccine uptake.

The Vaccine Management System, which the majority of staff across Health and Social Care used to book their vaccine appointment, is a regional system. The overall details collected via this system are not accessible to Belfast Trust, i.e. we can only access figures for staff vaccinated in the Belfast Trust Vaccination Centre in the Royal Victoria Hospital and therefore, the actual number for total staff vaccinated will be higher than the figures we are able to access.

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

This figure is for Belfast Trust staff uptake of Covid-19 vaccination for the period **08/12/20** (when the vaccination programme began in Belfast Trust) to the **10/11/21**. This figure is simply an indicator of staff vaccinated at that point in time. The figure includes **only** the total number of staff who were vaccinated in the Belfast Trust Vaccination Centre at the Royal Victoria Hospital, i.e. the figure **does not include** Belfast Trust staff who attended and received their vaccination at other vaccination centres, such as SSE Arena or other centres close to their home, GP Surgeries or local Pharmacies.

Please note these figures are for permanent and temporary staff only and Bank staff for the period 20/01/21 to 10/11/21.

The figures **do not** include joint appointments, bank staff (for the period 8/12/20 - 19/01/21), locums or agency staff.

In addition, the figure quoted does not take into account any staff turnover since November 2021, i.e. any staff leaving or recruited to Belfast Trust since that time.

Unfortunately, we unable to break the figure down further to capture information solely in relation to Covid vaccinators.