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PQ Question 25755/19: To ask the Minister for Health the targets set out for the uptake of HSE HPV vaccination programme for the years 2014 to 2019, in tabular form; the detail of the HPV immunisation uptake statistics provided by the HSE Health Protection Surveillance Centre for the school years 2014 to 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Rabbitte,

The above PQ has been sent to me for direct response to you on same.

1. Targets set for the uptake of HSE HPV vaccination programme for the years 2014 to 2019, in tabular form

Response:

The target in all areas is 80% for completion of HPV schedule

2. Detail of the HPV immunisation uptake statistics provided by the HSE Health Protection Surveillance Centre for the school years 2013/2014 to 2017/18 are in the Excel file attached.
3. The data are provided in the attached Excel file but are also available for each academic years since 2011/12 on the HPSC website.
<http://www.hpsc.ie/az/vaccinepreventable/vaccination/immunisationuptakestatistics/hpvimmunisationuptakestatistics/>
4. Data provided in the excel file for 2017/18 are provisional and pending data validation and are not yet published.
5. Data for 2018/2019 (current academic year) will not be available until all data are input into the Schools Immunisation System data base in the areas (normally all data will be inputted by 2020). Delays in data inputting are related to lack of staff resources in the HSE areas.

6. Comment on the matter

The HPV uptake among female children in the first year of school or age equivalent for home schooled and out of school in the years is as below

- 2013/2014 was 84.9% (at least stage 3)
- 2014/2015 was 86.9% (at least stage 2)
- 2015/2016 was 72.4% (at least stage 2)
- 2016/2017 was 51% (at least stage 2)
- 2017/2018 was 63.9% (at least stage 2)

Targets (80% or more) were met in 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 with more than 80% of girls in the 1st year of school reaching the recommended number of doses (3 doses recommended in 2013/2014 and just two doses recommended in 2014/2015, based on evidence that two doses were sufficient to provide protection.

There was a decline in uptake in 2015/2016, reaching lowest uptake for two does in 2016/2017. In 2017/2018 there is evidence of a recovery in uptake rates (reaching 63.9%)

I trust this information will be of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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