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PQ Number 25757/19: To ask the Minister for Health the targets set out for the uptake of the MMR vaccination programme for the years 2014 to 2019, in tabular form; the number of children that received their MMR vaccination for the years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Rabbitte,

The above PQ has been sent to my office for direct response to you.

- **Uptake for MMR vaccine for years 2014-2019 tabular form.**

1. National MMR uptake data at 24 months 2014-2018 is located here <http://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/vaccinepreventable/vaccination/immunisationuptakestatistics/immunisationuptakestatisticsat12and24monthsofage/Summary%20Immunistation%20Uptake%20Statistics-%20National,%20CHO%20&%20LHO%20V1.1.pdf>

And in the attached Excel file.

Note: Data for children at 24 months of age in 2019 are not yet available.

2. Number of children that received their MMR in school programme (junior infant or age equivalent) for school years 2013/2014, 2014/2015, 2015/2016, 2016/2017, 2017/2018 (the latter is provisional) is in the excel file attached.

Table 1. Uptake of DTaP-IPV (4 in 1) & MMR Vaccines among Jr Infants/4 to 5 years by season, 2011-2012 to 2016-2017, nationally, by HSE administrative areas only and GP-administered areas only

Nationally							
Season	CHO	Cohort	4 in 1		Cohort	MMR	
			Number children who have received 1 dose 4-in-1 vaccine	% 4 in 1 Uptake		Number children who have received 1 dose MMR vaccine	% MMR Uptake
2011-12	HSE & GP Admin Areas	60,492	50,893	84.1%	60,879	51,007	83.8%
2012-13	HSE & GP Admin Areas	70,079	59,587	85.0%	66,360	58,735	88.5%
2013-14	HSE & GP Admin Areas	73,257	67,070	91.6%	73,257	66,951	91.4%
2014-15	HSE & GP Admin Areas	72,295	66,158	91.5%	72,293	66,045	91.4%
2015-16	HSE & GP Admin Areas	72,988	66,998	91.8%	73,029	66,824	91.5%
2016-17	HSE & GP Admin Areas	70221	64,302	91.6%	70221	64,152	91.4%

The HPSC publish the data on immunisation uptake statistics for junior infants at the following link <http://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/vaccinepreventable/vaccination/immunisationuptakestatistics/immunisationuptakestatisticsforjuniorinfants/Jr.%20Infants%20DTaP-IPV%20%20MMR%202011-2012%20to%202016%202017Graphs%20%20Tables.pdf>

Note: Data for children given the MMR at junior infant age (either through school or by GP for age equivalent) for 2017/2018 is provisional (in attached excel file). These data were submitted to the HSE Business Information Unit in 2018.

The data for school year 2018/2019 is not yet available and is pending data inputting by the immunisation office staff.

2017/2018 academic year (provisional pending final data analysis)

Provisional data on uptake of MMR for junior infants for the academic year 2017/2018 was 88.5% (provisional and unpublished data pending validation and final data inputting...likely to change)

2018/2019 academic year

Data for the most recent (still current) academic year will not be available until later this year (provisional) or following completion of data entry in all HSE areas in early 2020.

STATEMENT

The MMR uptake among children a 24 months between 2014-2018 averaged 92.6% (range 92.2%-93%). There has been little change over this period of time

The MMR uptake among children at 4-5 years of age (junior infant dose or age equivalent) has ranged between 91.3% to 91.5% for the school years 2013-2016/2017. The data for 2017/2018 has not yet been finalised and are depended on data inputting. Provisional data for 2017/2018 November 2018 was 88.5%.

The target uptake for both the first and 2nd dose of MMR is 95%. This target has not been meet at a national level although some LHOs have achieved it.

Yours sincerely,



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