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PQ Number 25758/19: To ask the Minister for Health the targets set out for the uptake of each vaccination under the primary childhood immunisation schedule for the years 2014 to 2019, in tabular form; the actual number of children that did receive each vaccination under the schedule in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 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.

Data on uptake for children in the primary childhood immunisation schedule are published on the HPSC website. Data are provided for children on quarterly intervals from each of the eight immunisation registry areas.

The data related to the vaccines received by the children received during the first year of life (before they reach their first birthday) and all vaccines received during their first two years of life (before their 2nd birthday).

Data on the HPSC website are located here

<http://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/vaccinepreventable/vaccination/immunisationuptakestatistics/immunisationuptakestatisticsat12and24monthsofage/>

Comment

At national level, immunisation uptake among children at 12 and 24 months has improved since the low uptake reported in the early part of the century but has plateaued (and declined slightly) in recent years. A number of changes to the schedule and introduction of new vaccines has occurred in recent years (most recent change to schedule in 2016).

There has been a small decline in national uptake rates of the 6 in 1 vaccine in 2018 (national uptake 89%) which is a decline from the 92% seen in 2014.

For the 6 in 1 vaccine at 24 months of age was 96% in 2014, but in 2018 had declined to 94%. MMR uptake at 24 months was 92% in 2018, down from 93% in 2014.

I trust this information will be of value to you.

Yours sincerely,



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month vaccines 2014.