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Deputy Louise O Reilly TD Dail Eireann Kildare Street Dublin 2

PQ27234/19: To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will be establishing a centralised system to hold vaccination records in order that persons can have swift access to their vaccination history in view of the fact that many via applications and holiday camps now require vaccination records due to the increase in outbreaks of infectious diseases nationally and worldwide.

Dear Deputy O Reilly,

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

The HSE provides vaccination certificates upon request displaying all vaccination records via the local office in the area where the vaccination occurred. Nurses or doctors administering vaccines update and sign parent held record books that are presented at the time any vaccinations are given by the HSE. Travel vaccines however may be arranged privately and so records of these are not part of the HSE vaccination history.

The HSE is working towards a new computerised immunisation system to consolidate existing records which will improve a citizen's access to their immunisation history.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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