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PQ 21484/20: To ask the Minister for Health the number of children vaccinated under the immunisation programme by children at 2, 4, 6, 12 and 13 months, respectively for the first seven months of 2019 and the first seven months of 2020 by vaccine type in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The above PQ has been forwarded to my office for direct response to you on same.

HPSC receive data relating to uptake for children aged 12 months and aged 24 months for a three month period, in arrears.

For 2019 data

The data on HPSC uptake for Q1-Q3 2019 is available on the HPSC website located here. We do not have it by month breakdown but by three month period. Please see this link for the full tabular form of the data for this period

<https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/vaccinepreventable/vaccination/immunisationuptakestatistics/immunisationuptakestatisticsat12and24monthsofage/quarterlyreports/2019/>

For 2020 data

Q1 2020 for children aged 12 and 24 months is summarised below. HPSC is currently awaiting the data for the Q2 period (April – June 2020) which is collated by the HSE areas and sent to HPSC. We will report on this when available.

General comment on information relating to vaccines versus antigen type within the vaccine

The data we receive is by vaccine antigen type rather than by vaccine name. But an explanation of what antigens are in what vaccines is included in the report.

- Eg. 6 in 1 vaccine includes DTaP-IPV-Hib-HepB to protection the vaccines protects against six different diseases
 - diphtheria, Tetanus, pertussis, polio, haemophilus type B, and Hepatitis B
- Men C protects against meningococcal C disease
- Men B protects against meningococcal B disease
- PCV protects against pneumococcal disease
- Rota protects against rotavirus disease
- MMR protects against three diseases
 - measles, mumps rubella

Summary for 12 month data trends in recent years

In recent years there has been a decrease in overall uptake of vaccines but which currently plateaued at around 90% for most vaccines at 12 months age

Further explanations on the number of doses and schedule, and changes to schedule over the years are available on the HPSC website <https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/vaccinepreventable/vaccination/immunisationuptakestatistics/immunisationuptakestatisticsat12and24monthsofage/quarterlyreports/2019/>

I trust this information will be of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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