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PQ22105/21: To ask the Minister for Health if the scheduling of the second HPV vaccine in schools has been delayed; and when it will be administered.

Dear Deputy Bruton,

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

School closures and the redeployment of school vaccination teams to COVID-19 vaccine roll-out have interrupted school vaccination programmes for the 2020/2021 school year in primary schools (Junior Infants) and secondary schools (1st year).

In September 2020, many schools were unable to facilitate our teams due to the COVID-19 pandemic. School teams facilitated as many students as possible, both in schools where vaccinations were permitted, and in clinics outside of schools where possible.

School teams are restarting clinics for school vaccinations or are making plans to recommence the programme. The school teams know what students need to get their vaccines. Contact will be made with parents and guardians to offer vaccines to students. The HSE school vaccination programme may need to be done in a different venue or may be delayed because of Covid-19. The HSE will try to keep these changes to a minimum. We anticipate the programme will be substantially complete before the next academic year.

I trust this clarification will be of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Kelleher', with a horizontal line underneath.

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