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Deputy Claire Kerrane
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Re: PQ 60361/21 To ask the Minister for Health the variations in vaccination status of Covid-19 cases admitted to ICU in Ireland in comparison with the UK cases in recent weeks; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Kerrane

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred by the Minister for Health to the Health Service Executive for direct response.

HSE does not have access to data on the vaccination status of COVID-19 cases admitted to ICU in the UK.

HPSC publishes regular reports on the epidemiology of intensive care admissions in cases of COVID-19 in Ireland by pandemic wave. These are available on the HPSC website to download here: <https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/surveillance/covid-19intensivecareadmissions/>

HPSC has commenced publishing a comprehensive regular report on Vaccination status of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Ireland, which includes detailed information on the vaccination status of all categories of case including those in hospital and ICU. This is available on the HPSC website to download here: <https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/surveillance/vaccinationstatusreports/>

The UK *Weekly national Influenza and COVID-19 surveillance report* is available here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1039639/Weekly_Flu_and_COVID-19_report_w49.pdf

The UK COVID-19 vaccine surveillance report is available here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1039677/Vaccine_surveillance_report_-_week_49.pdf

If you require any further information or clarification please do contact us.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lois O'Connor".

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