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Deputy Shortall,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Dublin 2.

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PQ Ref: 12409/21 – To ask the Minister for Health the details of the fee which is payable to each of the professional categories that will be administering the vaccine; the basis on which these fees were agreed; and the reason for the wide variation. - Róisín Shortall

Dear Deputy Shortall,

I refer to your recent parliamentary question which was passed to the HSE for response and apologise for the delay in responding to you.

There is a statutory process under the public service Pay & Pensions Act 2017, which provides for the Minister for Health to determine the rates to apply for GPs and Pharmacists, subject to the agreement to the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform and following a consultation process with the IMO and the IPU respectively.

In this context, the HSE and the DoH have engaged separately with the IMO and the IPU to set out the general approach to the involvement in the vaccination programme of the groups that these organisations represent and to agree on the type of remuneration arrangements that will apply. It is not unusual for different rates of pay to be paid by the HSE depending on the professional group being employed and the HSE certainly has to take account of market rates.

Remuneration Paid for vaccinations can be accessed below;

GPs

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/pdrs/circulars/gp/national-covid-19-vaccination-programme-gp-s-circular-nco-02-2021.pdf>

Pharmacists

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/gmscontracts/2019agreement/circular-to-pharmacists-vaccination-programme-nco-03-2021.pdf>

I trust the above is of assistance to you.

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