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PQ 12486-21 To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered introducing a 24/7 helpline for follow-up care for those who have received the Covid-19 vaccine who may experience some adverse effects and require assistance out-of-hours; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -

Dear Deputy Richmond

Thank you for your questions. In line with the roll out of a vaccination programme the National Immunisation Office has developed clear guidance on what to expect following the administration of a COVID vaccine. Available in the link below:

<https://www2.hse.ie/screening-and-vaccinations/covid-19-vaccine/side-effects-covid-19-vaccine.html>.

The information outlines the common side effects of the three vaccines that are being used at present and when a person should seek medical assistance. As each person receives the COVID vaccine a vaccine checklist is completed and the relevant information about the vaccine and side effects is shared with them as part of the consent process.

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/news/newsfeatures/covid19-updates/covid-19-vaccine-materials/covid-19-vaccine-materials.html>

Like all medicines, vaccines can cause side effects. Most of these are mild to moderate and short-term and not everyone gets side effects. As with all vaccines, suspected side effects should be reported to the Health Products Regulatory Authority (HPRA).

Yours sincerely

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