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Deputy Alan Kelly TD Dail Eireann Kildare Street Dublin 2

PQ13664/21: To ask the Minister for Health if there is a catch-up scheme planned for those who missed out on the first or second dose of the HPV vaccine during the 2020-2021 academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Kelly,

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

We are trying to manage both the pre-existing programme and the COVID vaccination programme. The existing programme in the schools had ceased as the schools were closed. That has allowed us to concentrate on the COVID programme. However, with the re-opening of schools we will aim to start up the schools programme and continue into the Summer. This will allow for a catch-up both in the schools and in the Summer holidays.

I trust this clarification will be of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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