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Deputy Neale Richmond

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23/07/2021

PQ 23243-21 – Deputy Neale Richmond: To ask the Minister for Health the work his Department is undertaking to encourage persons to take the second dose of their Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Richmond,

Thank you for your representation. Sincere apologies for the delay in responding to this representation, which is due to the cyber-attack on the HSE.

The HSE is rolling out the vaccine programme in line with the National Immunisation Advisory Committee (NIAC). This guidance is continuously under review based on new and emerging evidence.

There has and is a continuous focus by the HSE leadership team and vaccination teams to encourage people to receive their vaccine.

To date there has been 5.3 million vaccines administered as of 20th July 2021 with 2.9 million receiving their first or single dose of vaccine and over 2.4 million who have received their second dose, or single dose.

Over 65% of people are now fully vaccinated and 79% are partially vaccinated.

The overall demand and uptake receive a vaccine remains very strong.

I hope this provides you with assistance.

Yours faithfully

Sharon Hayden General Manager

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