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PQ24390/21: To ask the Minister for Health the number of first year students that are or were applicable under the HPV scheme; the number of HPV vaccines administered to the same cohort in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy O Dowd,

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

55,264 children in first year in second level schools were vaccinated with the first dose of HPV vaccine between the 1st September and 31st December 2019.

The numbers offered the vaccine in the academic years 2018/19 to 2020/21, the numbers vaccinated between the 1st September and 31st December and the uptake rate of the first dose in this time period are shown in Table 1.

Table 1

HPV stage 1 vaccinations given between 1st September and 31st December among first years in second level schools and corresponding uptake for this time period- except HPV data prior to 2019/20 are for girls only and all children since then			
Academic Year and Vaccinated from 1st Sept-31st Dec	Denominator	Immunised	% Uptake
		HPV stage 1	HPV stage 1
2018/19 and vaccinated between 01/09/2018-31/12/2018	31671	22484	71.0%
2019/20 and vaccinated between 01/09/2019-31/12/2019	69056	55264	80.0%
2020/21 and vaccinated between 01/09/2020-31/12/2021	69111	37014	53.6%

Notes:

- 1.Data above are for those in first year in second level schools only
2. HPV vaccine uptake is for girls only prior to 2019/20 and all children since 2019/20
- 3.Data extracted 18/03/2021 from the Schools Immunisation System (SIS)
- 4.The denominator was defined as the number of girls/children in first year for second level schools and on the school roll on 30th September when the school census is carried out except the 2020/21 denominator

data currently on the School Immunisation System is an estimate only and will be updated when the numbers are finalised.

5. The 2020/21 numbers immunised reflect data recorded on the system, however, more children may have been immunised than currently recorded e.g. if data entry staff were redeployed to work on COVID-19 vaccinations

I trust this clarification will be of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Kelleher', with a horizontal line underneath.

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