



Clinical Programme Implementation & Professional Development

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PQ 58996/21 To ask the Minister for Health If all general practitioners who administered the first two Covid-19 vaccines will also administer the third; if there is a location in which a priority request for a third vaccine can be lodged by a person who may have found that their general practitioner is not offering the option. -Richard Bruton

Deputy Bruton,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above PQ which you submitted.

Guidance in relation to the vaccination programme issued to GPs from the IMO in November and this was further updated in December 2021.

There is no requirement for GPs to continue with the vaccination programme, but for those who do wish to continue, the guidance from NIAC is that they may continue to order and administer vaccines to their own patients. The vast majority of GPs are continuing to administer vaccines.

It is recognised that some practices will not be in a position to continue with a vaccination programme. For these practices the following applies:

- There is no requirement to refer patients (other than those over 70) to the HSE for vaccination
- The public messaging from the HSE will advise people that in line with eligibility criteria they may receive a booster from their GP by invite where their GP is participating, or they can make an appointment in a pharmacy setting where the pharmacy is participating, or they may receive a booster at a Mass Vaccination Centre.
- Patients will not be asked to make an appointment for Mass Vaccination Centres and will be called for appointments to Mass Vaccination Centres using their details already registered on COVAX.

GPs who had left the programme will also be facilitated to re-enter if they wish to be involved going forward.

I hope the above is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Kenny

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