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PQ 43095-21 - Deputy David Cullinane - Given the recommendation that a second vaccine dose is not needed for people with a prior infection of Covid-19, why does the HSE not conduct antibody tests on first dose and prioritise people without a prior infection for their second dose.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

Thank you for your representation.

The HSE are rolling out the vaccine programme in line with the National Immunisation Advisory Committee (NIAC).

The current guidance states that if an individual has had Covid 19 within the first 6 months of their vaccination they do not require a second vaccine.

Currently the vaccination and Covid 19 IT systems are separate. This is something currently under review.

Therefore your clients may have received a text for a second vaccine appointment which they can decline.

I hope this provides you with assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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