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Deputy Peadar Tóibín,
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Question: To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of health care workers that have taken the Covid-19 booster in the past six months.

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred by the Minister for Health to the Health Service Executive for direct response.

In the last 6 months, 23% of healthcare workers (HCW) have received a COVID-19 booster vaccination.

The HSE has issued correspondence to highlight the importance of vaccination uptake and additional measures have been put in place to enhance access, information and communication. These include:

- Onsite HCW vaccination clinics locations and times to improve HCW planning and improved attendance nationwide.
- Engagement is ongoing with Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI), Irish Association Directors Nursing and Midwifery (IADNM) and Senior Nursing & Midwifery Leadership Forum to highlight the importance of nurses and midwives accessing vaccination in line with professional responsibility and accountability for patient safety.
- 175 thousand text messages to HCW's and additional targeted SMS campaign launched this week.
- Engagement by Primary Care with both the Irish Pharmacy Union and GPs in relation to HCW uptake initiatives.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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