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PQ 38344/22: To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of providing the HPV vaccine for free to adults who have not received it but want to access it through their general practitioner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. **Duncan Smith**

Dear Deputy Smith,

Thank you for your Parliamentary Question. I consulted with Dr Lucy Jessop, Director of the National Immunisation Office (NIO) in this response, who has provided the following response:

It is not currently NIAC guidance or Department of Health policy to offer HPV vaccines to all adults therefore it is not possible to give costs.

However, the HSE and Department of Health are currently working together to finalise details of the catch-up HPV programme for women up to the age of 25 years who have left secondary school and who did not receive the vaccine when eligible including where to access vaccination. A communications campaign will support this programme to make those eligible aware of the additional opportunity to get vaccinated.

I trust this answers your query.

Yours sincerely,

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