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Deputy Paul Kehoe,
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Question: To ask the Minister for Health the plans that are in place to have pharmacies involved in the roll-out of the second booster; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Kehoe,

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

Pharmacies have been a vital vaccination channel throughout all stages of the Covid-19 Vaccination Programme, administering over 1 million vaccinations across all vaccine courses to date. At the height of the primary vaccination programme over 1,000 pharmacies participated and so far in the second booster programme, 925 pharmacies have ordered vaccine stock to administer to the over 65s and immunocompromised persons.

As at the time of writing, over 630,000 second booster vaccines have been administered by pharmacies across the country. Discussions are ongoing as to the part pharmacies will play in the long term as the HSE plans for the general population needs this Autumn / Winter.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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