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Deputy Jennifer Murnane O'Connor  
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**Re: PQ14244/22 To ask the Minister for Health the number of doses of the pneumococcal vaccine PPV23 that have been administered for free to persons over 65 years of age and at-risk groups in each of the years 2018 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Murnane O'Connor

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

HPSC receives information from the HSE PCRS office relating to individuals who have received PPV23 as part of the influenza vaccine monitoring. The data relating to PPV23 administered to those aged 65 year and older is shown below (Table 1). We are unable to report on PPV23 doses administered to at risk groups because data is provided for individuals who may have more than one risk group and therefore will be recorded multiple times on the PCRS data that we receive.

PCRS may be able to provide these data for the years in question relating to the at risk groups.

**Table 1. Number of vaccines administered among those aged 65 and over for pneumococcal vaccine (PPV 23), 2018-2021, Ireland**

Influenza season	Number of vaccines administered among those aged >65 and over
2018-19	32,804
2019-20	30,890
2020-21	26,054
2021-22	Not yet available

Source: PCRS data

If you require any further information or clarification please do contact us.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Cuddihy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

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