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Mr. Michael Healy-Rae, TD.
Dáil Éireann
Dublin 2

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"To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to an issue in relation to a HSE service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Details supplied: "Minister are you aware that the HSE have decentralised the MMR vaccine booster where every child that is getting the vaccine must travel to Tralee regardless of where they are from and this service is only available on a Monday and Tuesday."

Dear Deputy Healy-Rae,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The covid pandemic led to schools having to adhere to strict covid infection control measures. Space therefore became an issue which led to a lack of facilities to accommodate school immunisation teams, in many schools.

School vaccines were administered in a combined school and clinic model. Since 2021 the school vaccine programmes were administered in HSE vaccine clinics with the exception of a few schools.

Children who cannot attend the Tralee venue due to difficulty accessing transport will be facilitated in additional clinics in regional health centres during the summer.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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