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PQ: 48130/22

To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the new vaccine for shingles is not available on the medical card or the drug payments scheme; if he will review this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Matt Carthy

Dear Deputy Carthy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 48130/22), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The HSE does not supply vaccines or provide reimbursement support for vaccines through community pharmacies under the Statutory Drug Schemes.

When the public health imperative to support particular vaccines to defined cohorts becomes national policy, Vaccines are directly procured by the HSE and supplied through the national vaccine distribution arrangements to GPs for eligible cohorts.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suzanne Doyle'.

Suzanne Doyle
Primary Care Eligibility & Reimbursement Service