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Deputy Pringle
Dáil Éireann,
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Re: To ask the Minister for Health the estimated amount to the State to extend the HPV vaccination catch-up programme to males up to the age of 25 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Thomas Pringle

Dear Deputy Pringle,

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

When HIQA undertook their HTA for extension of the programme to include males in 2018 they did not consider the inclusion of a catch-up programme for older males. It is not Department of Health Policy to extend the vaccine to males who were not previously eligible for the programme. Therefore, it is not possible to provide an estimated amount to the State to extend the HPV vaccination catch-up programme to males up to the age of 25 years.

The Immunisation Policy set by the Department of Health currently supports vaccination of

- Students in 1st year each academic year
- People eligible for the Laura Brennan HPV Catch up Vaccination Programme in 2023.

More information about the HPV vaccination programme is available from www.hpv.ie

Yours sincerely,
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