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Deputy Tóibín
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Re: 17292/25 - To ask the Minister for Health to confirm that the information contained in relation to the primary childhood immunisation schedule declination form being issued to parents by the HSE, when completed, will not be shared with any other section or agency of her Department; and if it is used to limit liability. -Peadar Tóibín

Dear Deputy Tóibín

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 response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Primary Childhood Programme consists of vaccines offered to babies, administered by General Practitioners (GPs) in their practices. The associated paperwork, including the Declination Form (also known as the Vaccination Refusal Form), is managed solely by the GPs in collaboration with the Health Service Executive (HSE) Local Immunisation Office (LIO).

As independent data controllers, GPs should advise on the management and sharing of the Vaccination Refusal Form. It is our understanding that GPs share these forms with LIOs. The LIOs fall under the Regional Executive Office (REO), and only they can comment on its processing or onward sharing.

The National Immunisation Office (NIO) does not receive, access, or manage this data electronically or otherwise, nor does it oversee local immunisation systems or processes.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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