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Mr Frankie Feighan TD
Dáil Eireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

Re: PQ ref 30113/25

“To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the procurement and roll out of the new national immunisation system which will be used to record all vaccine programmes offered by the State and to support their delivery.”

Dear Deputy Feighan,

Following significant analysis and review the HSE's Senior Leadership Team and Department of Health has endorsed the decision of the HSE to adopt the Covax System as The National Immunisation Information System (NIIS). This decision was also supported by a Gartner review which found that the HSE's immunisation ecosystem was likely a 'global exemplar' with Covax as its cornerstone. The Covax System has proven to be a highly configurable system, capable of being adapted via agile methodology in accordance with changing NIAC guidelines and patient care pathway during the Covid-19 pandemic. This will endure as we roll out further vaccination programmes.

The NIIS currently supports the recording of Covid, Flu and Pneumococcal vaccinations and the following is the high-level timetable for the implementation of remaining state vaccination programmes:

Programme 1: PCI Live on NIIS (October 2025)

Programme 2: Schools Immunisations Live on NIIS (Q2, 2026)

Programme 3: Adult Immunisations Live on NIIS (Q4, 2026)

Programme 4: Opportunistic Vaccinations Live on NIIS (Q2, 2027)

Work is also ongoing to develop a Data Management Strategy to harvest vaccination data from legacy systems and allow seamless access to a consolidated citizen vaccination record through the Patient App which will be linked to the NIIS.

As the current contracts are due to expire shortly, the HSE has a procurement framework for ICT services to support the NIIS deployment, under which we are currently running a procurement exercise to provide external services to support the ongoing licensing, development and maintenance of the NIIS into the future.



If you feel that the question has not been fully answered or you require any further clarity, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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