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Dear Geraldine

Further to Dr Patrick Glackin's letter dated July 20, 2020, with an attached sample medication protocol, the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI) continue to support the scope of practice of registered nurses and registered midwives administering vaccines under medication protocols in respect of the HSE schools immunisation programme which is commencing in September 2020.

NMBI published the *Guidance to Nurses and Midwives on Medication Management (2007)* to provide detailed direction on the development of a medication protocol (Section 4, pp. 35 -37) and this document provides the supporting guidance and framework for registered nurses and registered midwives to participate in supplying and administering immunisations and vaccinations (Section 3.4, p. 30).

It was noted that the sample medication protocol provided utilised the NMBI *Guidance to Nurses and Midwives on Medication Management (2007)* and outlines the required education and clinical support to enable registered nurses and registered midwives to implement the medication protocol as part of their scope of practice.

Furthermore, NMBI is expressing its continued support to the role of registered nurses and registered midwives in utilising the new HSE medication protocol for the administration of the vaccines listed on Dr Glackin's letter to children as part of the HSE schools' immunisation programme.

I wish you all the best in the implementation of the HSE schools immunisation programme.

Yours sincerely

Sheila McClelland
Chief Executive