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Laura Brennan HPV Vaccination Programme

Dear Pharmacist,

Next week (23rd – 29th January) is European Cervical Cancer Prevention Week, during which CervicalCheck (the National Cervical Screening Programme) will be promoting the importance of the HPV vaccine. The following week, commencing 30th January, will see live radio and digital audio ads and social media posts.

More detailed correspondence with regard to the Laura Brennan HPV Vaccination Programme was issued through the National Immunisation Office last December, and is available at the following link:

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/immunisation/hcpinfo/correspondence/hpv-catch-up-gp-and-pharmacy.pdf>.

As part of this important initiative we would like to ask for your assistance in continuing to promote HPV vaccination in your discussions with eligible patients and their families.

The Laura Brennan HPV Catch-Up Vaccination Programme was launched on December 8th 2022 and will run until the end of December 2023. The Programme will be delivered in HSE immunisation clinics, not in GP surgeries or pharmacies due to its time-limited nature. The following groups are eligible for the HPV vaccine:

- Females (currently in 2nd year – 6th year of secondary school, or in age-equivalent special schools or educated at home) who have not received the HPV vaccine.
- Males (currently in 2nd year – 4th year of secondary school/5th year if they did not do transition year, or in age-equivalent special schools or educated at home) who have not received the HPV vaccine.
- Unvaccinated females who have left second level education and are under 25 years of age on the date of vaccination.

You are also invited to attend a Lunch and Learn webinar on the HPV vaccine, hosted via Webex by the NIO on:

Tuesday 24th January from 12-1pm

The following speakers and topics will be covered;

- Introduction and Programme background. Dr Lucy Jessop, Consultant in Public Health Medicine – Health Protection National Immunisations Lead, National Immunisation Office.
- Efficacy, effectiveness and immunogenicity of a single dose of HPV vaccine in 9-14 year olds – A Comprehensive Review of the Literature with Narrative Synthesis of Evidence



Utilised to Inform National Vaccine Policy. Dr Margaret Brennan, Specialist Registrar Public Health Medicine.

- Sharing key messages and become a HPV vaccine champion. Ms Yvonne Morrissey, Business Project Manager, National Immunisation Office.

This webinar is intended for clinical personnel and those supporting the rollout of the HPV vaccine. Please register to attend at the [following link](#). The session will also be recorded and made available after for those unable to attend in person as a video and on the NIO Spotify Channel.

A certificate of attendance will issue for those who attend the entire session; please ensure your name is visible to help with this process.

We hope you will join us on Tuesday, and please share this information with colleagues who may also be interested in attending.

For further information on the HPV Vaccination Programme, please visit www.immunisation.ie or www.hpv.ie.

We would like to thank you for your ongoing cooperation and assistance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. Crowley', written over a horizontal line.

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