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**BY EMAIL ONLY**

Deputy Paul Murphy

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**Re: 53766/23 - To ask the Minister for Health when the updated novavax Covid-19 vaccine will be available to the public; the specific reasons for the delay in the roll out of the updated vaccine to the public following stock being received and EMA approval on 31 October 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Murphy

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred by the Minister for Health to the Health Service Executive for direct response. I consulted with colleagues working in HSE Public Health: National Immunisation Office in preparing this response.

The HSE made the adapted Novavax® booster available from the week of the 18th December 2023.

I hope this answers your query.

Yours sincerely,

Dr John Cuddihy

National Director of Public Health

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