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Deputy Bacik Dáil Éireann, Kildare Street, Dublin 2

To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who have participated in the Laura Brennan HPV vaccination catch-up programme to date; the targets set for the programme; if he will report on the programme extension review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Ivana Bacik

Dear Deputy Bacik,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred by the Minister for Health to the Health Service Executive for direct response.

Just over 11,000 young people received HPV vaccine during the Laura Brennan HPV vaccine catch-up programme, which will protect them against HPV related cancers including cervical cancer. The programme finished at the end of 2023, but the vaccine programme for first years in second level schools is ongoing.

No target was set for the programme, but we aimed to reach those who had not been vaccinated. The majority of these young people or their parents had been previously offered the vaccine and so we are pleased that they have now chosen to receive it.

Yours sincerely,

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