



24<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Deputy Fleming  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2.

**PQ Ref 16184/19 \*\*To ask the Minister for Health the number of births in each hospital in each of the years 2014 to 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Fleming,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Please see the number of births in each Maternity Hospital/Unit by Hospital Group between 2014 and 2018, provided by the HSE Business Intelligence Unit (BIU). Please note that the number of births is inclusive of stillbirths. The HSE BIU noted that the data for 2018 has not yet been validated and is therefore liable to change.

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018*
<b>National Total</b>	<b>67,395</b>	<b>65,664</b>	<b>63,887</b>	<b>61,753</b>	<b>61,092</b>
<b>Dublin Midlands Hospital Group</b>	<b>10,656</b>	<b>10,011</b>	<b>9,788</b>	<b>9,695</b>	<b>9,746</b>
Coombe Women & Infant's University Hospital	8,829	8,405	8,303	8,163	8,330
MRH Portlaoise	1,827	1,606	1,485	1,532	1,416
<b>Ireland East Hospital Group</b>	<b>15,518</b>	<b>15,232</b>	<b>14,571</b>	<b>13,932</b>	<b>13,140</b>
MRH Mullingar	2,415	2,207	2,107	2,114	1,959
National Maternity Hospital	9,309	9,390	9,037	8,433	7,913
St. Luke's General Hospital Kilkenny	1,812	1,748	1,631	1,613	1,587
Wexford General Hospital	1,982	1,887	1,796	1,772	1,681
<b>RCSI Hospital Group</b>	<b>14,136</b>	<b>13,546</b>	<b>13,444</b>	<b>13,064</b>	<b>13,096</b>
Cavan General Hospital	1,771	1,722	1,672	1,596	1,512
Our Lady Of Lourdes Hospital	3,385	3,286	3,183	3,059	3,070
Rotunda Hospital	8,980	8,538	8,589	8,409	8,514
<b>Saolta University Health Care Group</b>	<b>9,808</b>	<b>9,591</b>	<b>9,563</b>	<b>9,047</b>	<b>9,059</b>
Galway University Hospitals	2,992	2,974	3,001	2,854	2,857
Letterkenny University Hospital	1,684	1,763	1,736	1,668	1,713
Mayo University Hospital	1,744	1,614	1,650	1,547	1,523
Portiuncula University Hospital	1,984	1,880	1,816	1,668	1,609
Sligo University Hospital	1,404	1,360	1,360	1,310	1,357
<b>South/South West Hospital Group</b>	<b>12,737</b>	<b>12,572</b>	<b>12,031</b>	<b>11,588</b>	<b>11,610</b>
Cork University Maternity Hospital	8,062	8,051	7,638	7,389	7,592
South Tipperary General Hospital	1,100	1,064	1,034	983	970
UH Kerry	1,450	1,405	1,413	1,374	1,245
UH Waterford	2,125	2,052	1,946	1,842	1,803
<b>UL Hospitals Group</b>	<b>4,540</b>	<b>4,712</b>	<b>4,490</b>	<b>4,427</b>	<b>4,441</b>
UMH Limerick	4,540	4,712	4,490	4,427	4,441

Source: HSE Business Intelligence Unit, April 2019

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I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,



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