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PQ Ref 51267/19** To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons being referred to gynaecological services for the three Dublin maternity hospitals (National Maternity Hospital Holles Street, Rotunda and the Coombe) for each month in 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Stephen Donnelly

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

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.

As the requested information is held locally, the National Women and Infants Health Programme sought this data from the three hospitals in question. Please see the following table specific to the number of referrals to gynaecology services at the Rotunda, the National Maternity Hospital and the Coombe Women and Infants University Hospital for each month between January 2018 and November 2019.

Referral Received Month	The Rotunda Hospital – number of referrals received	National Maternity Hospital – number of referrals received	The Coombe Women and Infant’s University Hospital - number of referrals received
Jan-18	389	400	-
Feb-18	393	400	-
Mar-18	324	442	195
Apr-18	406	374	380
May-18	588	408	338
Jun-18	345	365	238
Jul-18	427	262	274
Aug-18	513	366	212
Sep-18	408	394	166
Oct-18	481	341	284
Nov-18	505	391	262
Dec-18	208	383	149
Jan-19	520	350	194
Feb-19	452	500	281
Mar-19	422	433	294
Apr-19	505	413	272
May-19	561	343	318
Jun-19	480	356	237
Jul-19	526	344	227
Aug-19	501	374	227
Sep-19	471	260	340
Oct-19	431	385	252
Nov-19	431	328	269

Source: The Rotunda Hospital, The National Maternity Hospital, The Coombe Women and Infant’s University Hospital, December 2019

Yours faithfully,



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