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Deputy O'Sullivan,
Leinster House
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PQ Ref 13500/19 - To ask the Minister for Health if catchment areas apply for access to termination of pregnancy services in hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy O'Sullivan,

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.

Catchment areas do not apply for access to publically funded and provided maternity and gynaecology services. This includes the provision of termination of pregnancy services.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mary-Jo Biggs
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