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PQ Ref: 14240/20

Deputy Carol Nolan, T.D., Dail Eireann. Kildare St, Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Nolan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to your Parliamentary Questions below which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

PQ 14240/20: "To ask the Minister for Health the amount paid to general practitioners for the provision of termination of pregnancy services in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter". -Carol Nolan

Response:

In Ireland, abortion is available to people in certain circumstances: women in early pregnancy (up to 12 weeks); if there is a risk to life or health of a pregnant woman; if there is risk to life or health in a pregnant woman an emergency; or any condition likely to lead to the death of the foetus.

Terminations of pregnancy at 9 weeks and under are provided in a community setting by participating (1) General Practitioners (2) Family Planning Clinics and (3) Women's Health Clinics. In 2019, €2.9m was paid in fees to all providers of termination of pregnancy services in a community setting.

Yours sincerely,

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