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Deputy Murphy,
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PQ Ref 16743/20 To ask the Minister for Health his plan to develop guidelines (details supplied) which have been identified as best practice in the UK to be rolled out here instead of each hospital clinical governance board self-selecting which guidelines it uses for multiple births; if he has consulted with UK counterparts on these guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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.

The HSE already has in place a national clinical practice guideline for the management of multiple pregnancy. This guideline, which is available on the HSE website, was developed jointly by the HSE and the Institute of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Royal College of Physicians of Ireland.

A process to review and update obstetrics guidelines is currently underway. This work, which will encompass the guideline referred to, will include consideration of both national and international best practices in the relevant clinical care areas, including those developed by NICE.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary-Jo Biggs'.

Mary-Jo Biggs, General Manager, National Women and Infants Health Programme