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Ms. Niamh Smyth, T.D,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question 10765/20 *“To ask the Minister for Health the number of women that availed of the services of a unit (MLU) in each of the years 2000 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”*

Re: Parliamentary Question 10910/20 *“To ask the Minister for Health the reason the midwifery-led unit in County Cavan has such a low take-up from women when sixty miles away the midwifery-led unit in Drogheda, County Louth is fully utilised and has recently been entirely refurbished; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”*

Re: Parliamentary Question 10914/20 *“To ask the Minister for Health the number of babies born in Cavan General Hospital in each of the years 2015 to 2019; and the number of births in each of those years in the midwife-led unit in the hospital.”*

Dear Deputy Smyth,

The RCSI Hospital Group 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. Having reviewed the matter, the following outlines the position.

Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 to date (April)
Total number who accessed MLU services	187	191	245	271	325	310	322	288	255	254	211	72



Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total Number of babies born in CGH	1722	1672	1595	1512	1377
MLU births	131	120	110	95	74

We trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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