

By email to <u>stephen.donnelly@oireachtas.ie</u>

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Mr. Stephen Donnelly, T.D, Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question 10886/20 "To ask the Minister for Health the position in relation to the future of both the midwifery led and the consultant led services in view of the current uncertainty, with regard to maternity services at Cavan General Hospital; the number of persons accessing services at both units in each of the years 2014 to 2019 and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

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.

Maternity Services in Cavan & Monaghan Hospitals includes both consultant led and midwifery led care pathways. The Midwifery Led Unit (MLU) continues to be fully operational.

RCSI Hospital Group continues to work closely with the consultant Obstetricians and Midwives in Cavan & Monaghan in regards to strengthening the clinical governance framework of this service.

The RCSI Hospital Group and Cavan and Monaghan Hospital continues to be committed to implementing the National Maternity Strategy 2016-2020.

We trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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