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**7<sup>th</sup> October 2020,**  
**Deputy Sean Sherlock,**  
**Dail Eireann,**  
**Dublin 2.**

**PQ Number 24937/20**

**To ask the Minister for Health if additional ringfenced funding will be committed to for mental health services for those that have given birth during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

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 Specialist Perinatal Mental Health Service Model of Care was formally approved and launched by the HSE in November 2017. The Model of Care is based on the maternity networks recommended in the National Maternity Strategy. This means the specialist perinatal mental health services will be aligned to hospital groups and developed in a hub and spoke format so all 19 maternity services are included in the model. In each hospital group, the maternity service with the highest number of deliveries will be the hub. These are:

- Dublin Midlands HG – Coombe Women & Infants University Maternity Hospital
- Ireland East HG – National Maternity Hospital
- RCSI Hospital Group (HG) – Rotunda Hospital
- Saolta HG – Galway University Hospital
- South/Southwest HG – Cork University Maternity Hospital
- University of Limerick HG – University Maternity Hospital Limerick

The Department of Health allocated €1m in Programme for Government (PFG) funding in 2017 to initiate this implementation with further PFG funding in 2018, 2019 and 2020. From December 2017 onwards the focus of the Clinical Lead and Project Manager has been on supporting local services to recruit the staff through ongoing funding allocations.

The Mental Health Commissioning Team is involved in ongoing and evolving discussions with the Department of Health, HSE Mental Health Operations and HSE Mental Health Strategy & Planning about additional ring-fenced funding for Specialist Perinatal Mental Health Services.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.



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Yours Sincerely

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