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Deputy O Snodaigh,
Dáil Éireann,
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PQ Ref: 27170/20** To ask the Minister for Health if the complete full removal of vaginal mesh is carried out here; and if so, the number of such procedures carried successfully in 2020

Dear Deputy O'Snodaigh,

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.

Complete full removal of vaginal mesh is carried out in our public hospitals.

The principle/ most reliable source of information in the Health Service Executive is the Hospital Inpatient Enquiry (HIPE) system. HIPE collects information on hospital day cases and in-patients in Ireland based on diagnostic related groups. Unfortunately there is no unique code for full mesh removal and therefore we do not have information on the number of such procedures carried out successfully in 2020.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

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