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Deputy Cullinane,
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PQ Ref: 27529/20** To ask the Minister for Health the rehabilitative supports being made available to mesh injured patients; if expedited pain management physio and counselling treatment will be delivered in line with the CMO report on the matter; if this can be accessed privately instead of through the public system; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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 has funded a National Mesh Complications Service across two sites – Cork University Maternity Hospital and The National Maternity Hospitals. These centres, in addition to providing a surgical service, will be positioned to provide auxiliary services to women in the form of pain medicine services, pelvic floor physiotherapy and psychosexual counselling. The remit of this service is to provide tertiary support to women with post implant complications, post removal complications and women who will not benefit from additional surgery/removal.

Patients who had their mesh surgery in the private sector, and are experiencing post insertion complications or complications following mesh removal in another jurisdiction, can be referred into this public system by their primary Consultant or GP.

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