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PQ Ref 19948/21: To ask the Minister for Health the progress of plans to implement a digital maternity system to support the National Maternity Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Hourigan,

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 Maternal & Newborn Clinical Management System (MNCMS) went live in Cork University Maternity hospital in December 2016 and is currently live in 4 locations; Cork, The Rotunda, The National Maternity Hospital, and The University Hospital Kerry. The purpose of this system is to allow information to be shared with relevant providers of care covering all antenatal, intrapartum and postnatal women and the newborn, until discharge from either the hospital or community care, to the care of the public health nurse. A full project team are currently planning for a phase 2 implementation.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

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