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Deputy Jennifer Carroll MacNeill,
Dail Eireann,
Dublin 2.

PQ Number: 8313/21

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the status of the comprehensive mental health assessment within the perinatal mental health integrated care pathway; the circumstances in which one is administered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Jennifer Carroll MacNeill

Dear Deputy Carroll MacNeill,

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.

All women referred to the Specialist Perinatal Health Teams receive a comprehensive mental health assessment. This follows the recognised format of such assessments and consists of a history obtained from the women by the assessing clinician together with a mental status examination. A collateral history from partner, relative or equivalent other is also taken, provided the women consents. From all of this a diagnosis is made and appropriate care and treatment discussed and agreed with the women.

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

Yours sincerely,

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