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Deputy Kelly,  
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**PQ Ref 14075/21: To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of births that were by caesarean section in each hospital in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Kelly,

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.

Please see below, the table provided outlines the percentage of live births that were delivered by caesarean section from 2016-2020, data source BIU.

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Cavan General Hospital	36.5%	37.9%	37.2%	39.1%	39.7%
Coombe Women and Infants University Hospital	30.5%	31.1%	33.1%	33.1%	32.2%
Cork University Maternity Hospital	31.7%	32.4%	32.0%	32.7%	35.6%
Galway University Hospitals	34.4%	33.1%	34.2%	35.2%	32.9%
Letterkenny University Hospital	32.3%	29.9%	36.9%	36.4%	35.2%
Mayo University Hospital	31.8%	35.2%	38.0%	37.9%	38.6%
MRH Mullingar	36.9%	33.4%	34.8%	35.8%	37.3%
MRH Portlaoise	28.5%	26.3%	31.5%	34.1%	30.6%
National Maternity Hospital	25.5%	25.6%	28.0%	29.6%	31.0%
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital	34.2%	34.9%	34.4%	33.7%	33.6%
Portiuncula University Hospital	37.5%	35.6%	37.0%	39.1%	38.8%
Rotunda Hospital	33.8%	33.2%	33.1%	34.3%	39.8%
Sligo University Hospital	36.5%	30.5%	36.3%	34.9%	38.7%
South Tipperary General Hospital	35.3%	35.9%	38.0%	36.8%	42.0%
St. Luke's General Hospital Kilkenny	39.5%	38.5%	41.0%	39.1%	37.8%
UH Kerry	35.3%	33.6%	39.2%	41.2%	39.3%
UH Waterford	25.4%	28.1%	28.0%	28.5%	28.6%

UMH Limerick	34.3%	34.2%	35.7%	35.4%	37.4%
Wexford General Hospital	25.8%	22.8%	25.8%	27.7%	27.9%
<b>National</b>	<b>31.9%</b>	<b>31.6%</b>	<b>33.2%</b>	<b>33.8%</b>	<b>35.1%</b>

The determinants of caesarean rates in individual hospital are many and would include patient demographics, multiple pregnancy rates, clinical risk profile of patients and professional and patient preference.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,



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