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Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of pregnant women the MyOptions helpline engaged with via webchat in 2019 and 2020; and the number that subsequently opted for an abortion following their webchat contact.

Deputy McGrath

Thank you for your question to the Minister for Health, which was forwarded to my office to respond to you directly.

The number of engagements with the MyOptions webchat facility in 2019 was 570 and in 2020 was 1053.

The MyOptions service provides information and support, and signposts all service-users requesting GP details via their telephone service. MyOptions does not track the outcome of unplanned pregnancies among their service-users. Therefore the number of service – users who opted for an abortion following a webchat engagement with MyOptions is not available.

Yours Sincerely

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