

21st June 2021

Deputy Paul Murphy T.D., Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2 E: paul.murphy@oireachtas.ie

Re: PQ 24185/21 - Surgical sterilisation procedures, SVUH/MMUH

"To ask the Minister for Health the number of surgical sterilisation procedures that were carried out on women and men, respectively in each of the past five years in St. Vincents University Hospital and in the Mater University Hospital; the number of IVF procedures that were carried out in each of the past five years in St Vincents University Hospital and in the Mater University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy Murphy,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking the number of surgical sterilisation procedures that were carried out on women and men in St Vincent's University Hospital and the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that St. Vincent's University Hospital has carried out tubal ligation procedures when it is clinically required to do so - and as part of other major surgical procedures – but not for the exclusive purpose of sterilisation. IVF treatment is not provided at St. Vincent's University Hospital.

Regarding the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, from a review years 2016 to 2020 no activity was found for surgical sterilisation or IVF Procedures.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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