



Clár Sláinte Náisiúnta do Mhná & do Naíonáin
Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte, Aonad 7A, Áras
Dargan, An Ceantar Theas, Baile Átha Cliath 8
T: 076 695 9991

National Women and Infants Health Programme
Health Service Executive, Unit 7A, The Dargan Building,
Heuston South Quarter, Dublin 8
T: 076 695 9991

18th November 2021

Deputy Nolan,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House
Dublin 2

PQ53770/21: To ask the Minister for Health the status of the measures being taken by the National Women and Infants Health Programme, working with his Department in developing mechanisms and data collection methods regarding post abortion care for quality assurance purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Nolan,

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 HSE is not currently collating data nationally on termination of pregnancy services. Data is being collated by the Department of Health via the notification process. The Minister for Health must prepare a report on the notifications received in a given year not later than 30 June the following year and lay it before the Houses of the Oireachtas. This report may then be published. The most recent report covers the period from 1 January 2020 until 31st December 2020 and it available on www.gov.ie.

However the HSE is in the process of defining quality measures and data collection mechanisms for termination of pregnancy services in both the Acute and Community settings. This work which is in an early stage, will be done in collaboration with the Department of Health, with a view to ensuring that the HSE is positioned to quality review termination of pregnancy services at national level.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary-Jo Biggs'.

Mary-Jo Biggs, General Manager, National Women and Infants Health Programme