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Re: PQ 51341/21 – Terminations, NMH

**“To ask the Minister for Health the number of terminations of pregnancy that were carried out in the National Maternity Hospital, Holles Street in each of the years from 2016 to 2020; the number of surgical sterilisation procedures that were carried out on women in the National Maternity Hospital, Holles Street in each of the years from 2016 to 2020; the number of surgical sterilisation procedures that were carried out on men in the National Maternity Hospital, Holles Street in each of the years from 2016 to 2020; and the number of IVF and assisted reproduction procedures that were carried out in National Maternity Hospital, Holles Street in each of the years from 2016 to 2020.”**

Dear Deputy Murphy,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking an update on termination procedures in the National Maternity Hospital, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that as the Minister for Health collates the data regarding terminations of pregnancies carried out within the State, the National Maternity Hospital refer you to the Minister for Health's office who is responsible for this data.

In relation to the number of sterilisations, please see table below:

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Surgical sterilisation procedures in women	36	28	25	63	53
Surgical sterilisation procedures in men	0	0	0	0	0

As IVF is not currently publicly funded, there are no IVF procedures carried out within the National Maternity Hospital.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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