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Health Service Executive

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Health Service
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Unit 4A - The Dargan
Building
Heuston South
Quarter

9th May 2022

Deputy Duncan Smith

Dail Eireann

Leinster House

Dublin 2.

PQ Number 19362/22: To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase the payment to second midwives at home births who are on call from 37 weeks potentially to 42 weeks of pregnancy and in cases in which there is a hospital transfer do not get paid at all, from the current level of €160 before tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Duncan Smith

Dear Deputy Smith,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Response:

Recent changes to the internal governance of HSE Homebirth services took place resulting in the transfer of governance from Community Health Organisations to Acute Operations. HSE Homebirth services are provided in the context of the current MOU and annual agreement between HSE and Self Employed Community Midwives.

Any changes in pay and remuneration of services provided by Self Employed Community Midwives would be progressed in the context of reviewing the current MOU and agreement and in the context of normal procurement processes.

I trust that this is of assistance,

Yours Sincerely,

Eileen Ruddin

HSE Acute Operations