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9th May 2022

Deputy Duncan Smith

Dail Eireann

Leinster House

Dublin 2.

PQ 19364/22: To ask the Minister for Health the data that exists on the number of planned home births registered with the HSE; and the number of planned home births that ended up being transferred to a hospital maternity unit. - 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:

The Planned Home Births in Ireland Triennial Report 2018-2020 will be published in the coming weeks. This report will provide details pertaining to Homebirths in Ireland from 2018-2020.

- 848 women registered with the HSE for a home birth over the period of 2018 to 2020.
- 221 women were transferred to a maternity service during the antenatal period due to complication in pregnancy.
- 627 women began labouring at home. Of these 627 women, 22% of women's care was transferred to a maternity service. The primary reason for the transfer was the woman's request for pain relief.
- 489 women gave birth at home over the period of 2018 to 2020.

I trust that this is of assistance,

Yours Sincerely,

Eileen Ruddin

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