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Re: Antenatal Clinic in Naas Hospital - PQ 31371 - 22

Dear Deputy Durkan

Thank you for your recent correspondence in relation to the cessation of the antenatal clinic in Naas General Hospital. As you may know, this service was provided within the Outpatient Department of Naas General Hospital prior to COVID-19. It was temporarily relocated back to the Coombe due to the COVID-19 pandemic, with the space where the clinic was being held required by the Naas Hospital to manage their patients. This was at the request of the Naas General Hospital CEO, which as you know is part of the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group.

We have been able to secure some temporary accommodation in Newbridge to deliver midwifery antenatal care in the county to low risk women. However, those women with risks who require consultant led care must, of necessity, travel to the Coombe for their medical appointments. It should also be pointed out that some women request consultant led care and therefore also come to the Coombe by choice.

We are working with the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group to find a long-term solution to the relocation of this service within the Midland area. Regrettably, so far, we have been unable to obtain suitable accommodation. We will continue to work to do so.

Yours sincerely

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