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PQ Ref 34366/22: To ask the Minister for Health the number of public health facilities excluding general practice across the country that provide abortion services by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Smith,

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.

There are currently 11 hospitals providing abortion services in Ireland under 12 weeks gestation. These hospitals and their county location can be found on the HSE website (link below).

<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/abortion/how-to-get/in-hospital/>

All nineteen maternity units provide care for women with a complication following termination of pregnancy and where there is a risk to the life or health of the mother. For women carrying babies affected by a life-limiting condition, these women are referred by their maternity service to the relevant tertiary maternity service for the appropriate care.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

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