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Ms. Kathleen Funchion T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Dublin 2.

PQ 12327/22

To ask the Minister for Health if Carlow County Council handed over its records for the former Carlow Mother and Baby Home and Carlow Maternity Hospital also known as Sacred Heart Home to the South Eastern Health Board; if so, if those records are held by either the Adoption Authority of Ireland and or Tusla; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Funchion,

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

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

I wish to advise that it is my understanding that the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth are responsible for overseeing the process around the recommendations of the report including public access to original files. In such instances queries can be referred to the Information Management Unit, Department of Children at sar@equality.gov.ie or tel: (01) 237 6001 or alternatively you can contact the Department of Children on (01) 647 3000.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate Killeen-White".

Kate Killeen-White
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