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**Re: PQ 14886/22– Tubal ligation, St Vincent's Hospital**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the number of tubal ligations that have been carried out within the St. Vincent's hospital group hospitals for on-demand for contraceptive purposes versus for clinical reasons in each of the years 2011 to 2021, by year.”**

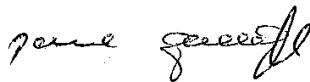
Dear Deputy Smith,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking an update number of tubal ligations that have been carried out in the St. Vincent's Hospital, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that a total of two tubal ligations were carried out in St Vincent's University Hospital during the period 2011-2021 both of which were for clinical reasons in 2011 and 2013. Outside of these two procedures there were no other tubal ligation procedures carried out during this period for on-demand or contraceptive purposes or otherwise.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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