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Deputy Holly Cairns,  
Dail Eireann  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2.

**PQ 23464/22: To ask the Minister for Health the protocols and supports that are in place to facilitate pregnant women and people that seek home births. -Holly Cairns**

Dear Deputy Cairns,

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:**

Currently in Ireland, there is a National HSE Homebirth service available to eligible expectant mothers who wish to avail of a homebirth service under the care of a Self-Employed Community Midwife.

The eligibility criteria and all policies and procedures that are in place for the HSE Home Birth Service are outlined online via the following link: <https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/3/maternity/policies-and-procedures-16.html>

The contact details for Self-Employed Community Midwives and Designated Midwife Officers are also available online via <https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/3/maternity/homebirth-services.html>

I trust that this is of assistance,

Yours sincerely,

Eileen Ruddin

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