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Deputy Holly Cairns,
Dail Eireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2.

PQ Number 23465/22: To ask the Minister for Health the details of the number of midwives employed in each CHO; the breakdown of the number of midwives per area within each CHO; the number of full-time midwives; and the number that work on a part-time basis in tabular form. -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:

Recent changes to the internal governance of HSE Homebirth services took place resulting in the transfer of governance from Community Health Organisations (CHOs) to Acute Operations. In this regard, HSE Homebirth services are now governed by Acute Services and this service has been integrated into the present maternity service as per the National Maternity Strategy 2016-2026. Currently, in the order of 28 Self Employed Community Midwives (SECMs) have current MOUs / Agreements with the HSE to provide HSE Homebirth Services across the country. The number of hours worked by each SECM is linked to the number of HSE Homebirths approved at any given time and their (SECM) capacity and availability to provide the service.

I trust that this is of assistance,

Yours Sincerely,

Eileen Ruddin
HSE Acute Operations