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Deputy Peadar Tóibín T.D., Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2

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Re: PQ 26295/22 - Conscientious objection, NMH

"To ask the Minister for Health if staff at the new National Maternity Hospital will be guaranteed freedom of conscience and conscientious objection in relation to operations that end the lives of living human beings."

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking an update on whether staff at the new National Maternity Hospital will be guaranteed freedom of conscience and conscientious objection in The National Maternity Hospital, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that staff at the National Maternity Hospital are and will continue to be guaranteed freedom of conscience and conscientious objection in relation to the Termination of Pregnancy Service.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

Paul Gallagher

Chief Director of Nursing and Midwifery

