



31st May 2022

Deputy Holly Cairns,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 15744/22 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of home births facilitated by HSE midwives in each CHO 1 January 2015, in tabular form

PQ 27203/22 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of home births facilitated by HSE midwives in each CHO annually since 1 January 2015, in tabular form.

- Holly Cairns

Dear Deputy Cairns,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) 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.

In alignment with the National Maternity Strategy, Creating a Better Future Together 2016 – 2026 (Department of Health, 2016), the HSE wishes to confirm that the HSE Homebirth Service is under the governance of Acute Operations as of the 28th February 2022. The funding and supports transferred from the Community Health Organisations to the Acute Operations.

Please see the table below which outlines the number of home births facilitated by HSE midwives annually since January 2015 by CHO area.

The total number of home births facilitated by HSE midwives annually since January 2015								
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 (to date)
CHO 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1
CHO 2	22	10	7	10	9	17	18	14
CHO 3	27	17	10	17	18	18	24	20
CHO 4	89	72	76	63	70	80	84	25
CHO 5	7	6	14	16	11	15	11	5
CHO 6	10	9	6	14	23	36	46*	**
CHO 7	17	10	17	14	61	76	117	42
CHO 8	33	29	46	52	82	127	122	18
CHO 9	24	25	22	33	37	55	55	44

Note: * This data is preliminary and is not yet validated by NPEC.

** Not Available



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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Seán McArt'.

Seán McArt
General Manager Primary Care
National Community Operations