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To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a timeline on the reopening of the Midwest homebirth scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Neasa Hourigan

Dear Deputy Hourigan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The Home Birth service in the Midwest remains temporarily suspended pending the outcome of an external review, which is ongoing. As such, it is not possible to provide a timeline on the reopening of this service.

Guidance on home births in Ireland, including private home births, is available on the HSE website at this link: <https://www2.hse.ie/pregnancy-birth/pregnancy-care/home-births/>

I trust this clarifies the position, please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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