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Deputy Violet-Anne Wynne
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PQ15781/23 To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 348 of 9 March 2023, what 'significant additional investment' has been made to assist integration and the delivery of safe and high quality care; and if he will make a statement on the matter.- Violet-Anne Wynne

Dear Deputy Wynne,

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The home birth service is delivered on behalf of the HSE by self-employed community midwives. The governance of this service transferred from Community Operations to Acute Operations during 2022. The service is delivered in accordance with a range of HSE defined clinical guidelines and parameters.

To assist with the integration of this service into Acute Operations significant investment has been made since February 2022 including an additional 7.3 WTE Assistant Director of Midwifery posts and 6 WTE Clerical Officer Grade IV posts amounting to circa €800,000.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

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