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**PQ 15770/25: To ask the Minister for Health if there are any regularly updated public-facing data sources that can be easily accessed by members of the public which state the number of babies under 2.5 kilogrammes, regardless of whether they had a congenital anomaly or not, that died in any given month, on a monthly basis and on a hospital-by-hospital basis; if so, the name of this data source; the reason it is not part of the same public reporting as the maternity patient safety statements; and if she will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Rice,

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position on the various areas and issues you raised.

This Irish Maternity Indicator System (IMIS) National Report presents data from the 19 individual maternity hospitals/units in Ireland from January through December per calendar year. It encompasses 40 multidisciplinary metrics across a range of domains, including demographics, deliveries, obstetric risks and complications, neonatal care, breastfeeding, laboratory metrics, and hospital activities.

IMIS reports are prepared by the Office of the National Women and Infants Health Programme (NWIHP) and the National Clinical Programme for Obstetrics and Gynaecology. The data presented in IMIS reports are provided directly by the 19 maternity hospitals and are entirely the hospitals' own. Data is correct at the time of submission and publication, but some figures may be subject to change subsequently as new information comes to light. The latest IMIS report is available here <https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/acute-hospitals-division/woman-infants/national-reports-on-womens-health/irish-maternity-indicator-system-national-report-2023.pdf>

The second key public facing data source is the National Perinatal Epidemiology Centre's (NPEC) annual Perinatal Mortality National Clinical Audit report. This annual report provides extensive information and data on perinatal deaths occurring in the Republic of Ireland for the relevant reporting year with a view to identifying modifiable risk factors which decrease the risk of perinatal death and also to inform clinical practice. These annual NPEC clinical audit reports can be found here: <https://www.ucc.ie/en/npec/clinical-audits/perinatalmortalitynationalclinicalaudit/>

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

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