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Deputy Cullinane,  
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**PQ 38214/25 To ask the Minister for Health the number and percentage of infants visited by a public health nurse within 72 hours of discharge from maternity services, for each year 2023-2025 to date, in tabular form. -**

**- David Cullinane**

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Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 38214/25) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Public Health Nurses are healthcare professionals who provide a range of nursing services in the community including child development assessments in line with the National Healthy Childhood Programme. In 2024 there were a total of 45,806 infants visited by a Public Health Nurse within 72 hours of discharge from maternity services nationally.

I have attached the appendix below which outlines the number and percentage of infants visited by a Public Health Nurse within 72 hours of discharge from maternity services for 2023, 2024 and year to date March 2025, in each health region. This is the latest data available.

Appendix 1 - Number of Infants visited by Public Health Nursing within 72 hours of discharge 2023, 2024 and March 2025.

I trust this is of assistance.

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**Seán McArt**

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**The % of infants visited by a PHN within 72 hours of discharge from maternity services - Full Year 2023**

Health Region	The number of infants discharged (for the first time) from maternity services	The number of infants visited by a Public Health Nurse within 72 hours of discharge from maternity services	%
HSE Dublin & Midlands	10,090	10,063	99.7%
HSE Dublin & North East	11,427	11,129	97.4%
HSE Dublin & South East	8,938	8,830	98.8%
HSE Mid West	4,056	3,989	98.3%
HSE South West	5,927	5,896	99.5%
HSE West & North West	7,320	7,212	98.5%
National Total	47,758	47,119	98.7%

**The % of infants visited by a PHN within 72 hours of discharge from maternity services - Full Year 2024**

Health Region	The number of infants discharged (for the first time) from maternity services	The number of infants visited by a Public Health Nurse within 72 hours of discharge from maternity services	%
HSE Dublin & Midlands	9,952	9,921	99.7%
HSE Dublin & North East	10,116	9,906	97.9%
HSE Dublin & South East	8,699	8,560	98.4%
HSE Mid West	4,070	4,070	100.0%
HSE South West	6,335	6,259	98.8%
HSE West & North West	7,225	7,090	98.1%
National Total	46,397	45,806	98.7%

The % of infants visited by a PHN within 72 hours of discharge from maternity services - March 2025 YTD			
Health Region	The number of infants discharged (for the first time) from maternity services	The number of infants visited by a Public Health Nurse within 72 hours of discharge from maternity services	%
HSE Dublin & Midlands	808	808	100.0%
HSE Dublin & North East	2,636	2,554	96.9%
HSE Dublin & South East	1,282	1,244	97.0%
HSE Mid West	849	849	100.0%
HSE South West	1,608	1,558	96.9%
HSE West & North West	1,797	1,759	97.9%
National Total	8,980	8,772	*97.7%

**\*Note:** Quarter 1 2025 data not returned for Dublin South City, Dublin South West, Dublin West, Kildare West Wicklow (located in Dublin & Midlands Health Region), Cavan Monaghan (located in Dublin & North East Region) and Waterford and Wexford (located in Dublin South East Health Region)