



4th June 2025

Deputy Collins
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House
Dublin 2

PQ 25639/25: To ask the Minister for Health to provide a complete list of all stakeholders represented temporarily or long-term at the termination of pregnancy Data Governance Group, established following the 2023 Review of the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 25640/25: To ask the Minister for Health the purpose and remit of the work of the TOP Data Governance Group; the number of meetings it has held to date, in tabular form; to outline its tasks and or work streams; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Collins,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to respond directly to you regarding the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health. I have reviewed the matter, and the following outlines the current position in relation to the various areas and issues raised.

Membership

The membership of the TOP Data Governance Group represents a diverse range of key stakeholders and includes a representative for each of the six Maternity Networks. The current membership listing is as follows:

NWIHP	Cliona Murphy
	Kilian McGrane
	Davinia O'Donnell
	Riona Cotter
HSE Dublin and Midlands	Aoife Mullally
HSE South West	Deirdre Hayes Ryan
	Keelin O'Donoghue
HSE Midwest	Athanasios Mantas

	Medinaro Imcha
HSE Dublin and North East	Fiona Hanrahan
HSE West and North West	John Morrison
HSE Dublin and South East	Heather Hughes
ICGP	Ciara McCarthy
IFPA	Caitriona Henchion
NPEC	Paul Corcoran

Purpose of the TOP Data Governance Group

Effective monitoring and evaluation of the TOP service is essential for measuring the quality of services, observing trends and as a basis to inform and improve service delivery and quality. NWIHP, in collaboration with the National Perinatal Epidemiological Centre (NPEC), is therefore rolling out a REDCap national data capture solution for hospital based TOP services. This electronic solution will be the mechanism for TOP data collection and analysis and, going forward, will become the source of data for national reporting on TOP services in secondary care.

The TOP Data Governance Group provides oversight and guidance for data use, data quality, data protection across the system and will review and consider TOP data policies, procedures and principles. In addition, the Group supports NWIHP in implementing these policies, procedures and principles, and informing the design of national service audits and reporting. All data will be managed in accordance with all relevant legislation regarding data protection. As with other NPEC audits, no identifying data points are collected.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Davinia O'Donnell, General Manager, National Women and Infants Health Programme