

Deputy David Cullinane
Houses of the Oireachtas
Kildare St
Dublin 2.

10th June 2025

PQ Number: 26922/25

PQ Question: *‘To ask the Minister for Health the status of each ongoing clinical investigation regarding maternity services at Portiuncula Hospital, in tabular form; the person(s) responsible; the subject of the investigation; the commencement date of the investigation; the completion date of the investigation; the current status of the investigation; whether she is concerned regarding the volume of ongoing investigations; and if she will make a statement on the matter’.*

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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

An external management team remains in place in Portiuncula University Hospital (PUH) to oversee all elements of maternity and neonatal care. The team are working closely with the Women and Children’s Network in the region and the local maternity unit to ensure quality and safety in the service.

There are a number of independent, external reviews being carried out into the care provided to women and their babies in PUH and we expect a number of these to be completed shortly. Once completed the findings of each individual review will be shared with the families involved.

A further external review has recently commenced into the care provided to a pregnant woman at the hospital where sadly her baby died. This brings to 10 the number of reviews underway into care provided to women and babies at the hospital.

I trust that this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely,

Mr James Keane,
General Manager.