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Deputy Claire Kerrane
Dáil Éireann,
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RE: PQ 54416/25 - To ask the Minister for Health if hospitals (details supplied) have had risk assessments carried out ahead of moving additional births from Portiuncula University Hospital to them. -Claire Kerrane

Dear Deputy Kerrane,

The HSE has been requested to reply to you directly in the context of the request for information referenced above.

Maternity services in Galway University Hospital provide regional and tertiary level maternity services to all of the maternity units in HSE West North West. There are well established pathways for Level 2 neonatal, fetal medicine and complex pregnancies in place. HSE West North West has established a regional implementation group, led by the W&C Network of Care, the implementation group is responsible for overseeing the implementation of all recommendations made by review teams in relation to maternity services in PUH and to coordinate and lead on the transfer of care of higher risk women in pregnancy from Portiuncula University Hospital (PUH). The implementation group will also address the capacity issues and operability of this project and the completion of a risk assessment of the impact of this transfer of women for PUH, GUH and other maternity units, and develop plans on how to mitigate this risk.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Kane
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