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Deputy Claire Kerrane,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare St.,  
Dublin 2.

**RE: PQ 44480/25 - To ask the Minister for Health if the five reviews of maternity care carried out to date at Portiuncula University Hospital were all high-risk pregnancies; if any limited information can be provided on the nature of the high-risk case in each instance; and if she will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Kerrane,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position:

A high-risk pregnancy means that there is a higher-than-average risk of experiencing a pregnancy complication that may impact or effect the mother the infant and or both. Some pregnancies begin as high risk, while others become high risk at some point during the pregnancy.

In relation to the 12 cases (2023, 2024 and 2025) in Portiuncula University Hospital, which have been reviewed or are currently under review all but one of the women had a pregnancy complication or vulnerability.

I hope this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

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