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To ask the Minister for Health the basis and criteria the decision was taken by the Health Service Executive and her Department to withdraw funding after the law on abortion changed from pregnancy counselling agencies that had a valuable track record in providing practical support to women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy but made it clear that facilitating abortion would be in violation of their ethos. -Peadar Tóibín

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

Thank you for your question to the Minister for Health, which was forwarded to my office to respond to you directly.

There is no such decision in our files. However, the HSE changed the model of service delivery in line with the introduction of Termination of Pregnancy services and some services were unable to operate in that framework due to their ethos.

Yours Sincerely,

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