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Deputy Martin Daly,
Leinster House,
Kildare St.,
Dublin 2.

RE: PQ 44776/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of the 12 serious incidents reviewed in the recent report on Portiuncula University Hospital that were classified as high risk under the current criteria being applied to transfer cases to Galway University Hospitals, during the antenatal period, and the number identified as potentially avoidable based on the clinical review.

Dear Deputy Daly,

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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