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Deputy Michael Fitzmaurice T.D.,
Leinster House,
Kildare St.,
Dublin 2.

RE: PQ 44958/25 - To ask the Minister for Health since Portiuncula University Hospital covers a large area, and in light of the criteria that have been applied for certain pregnancies deemed high risk, whether the HSE has assessed if Galway University Hospital is suitable from an accessible point of view; if not, is it envisaged that this care will be provided in Mullingar Maternity Hospital or Dublin Maternity Hospitals; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Fitzmaurice,

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:

The HSE West and North West recognises that the transfer of higher risk pregnancies from Portiuncula University Hospital (PUH) will require careful consideration and planning. This project is being managed through the PUH Implementation Oversight Group which is a multi-stakeholder implementation group. This group has been established to oversee the implementation of all recommendations made by review teams, and to coordinate and lead on the transfer of care of higher risk women in pregnancy from PUH. The implementation group will address the capacity issues and the operational aspects of this project as well as ensuring the necessary pathways, supports and resources are in place in Galway University Hospital (GUH) to achieve a smooth transition of service with minimal disruption for pregnant women while maintaining the appropriate standard of care. Within the HSE West and North West region, GUH is the site where referrals would naturally be sent to from PUH, however, women may choose to attend another hospital.

I hope this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

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