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

RE: PQ 44961/25 - To ask the Minister for Health if she will ensure that the high-quality specialist endocrine services at Portiuncula hospital will be maintained for women with diabetes; 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:

Women with pre-existing diabetes are included in the higher risk pregnancy cohort agreed between National Women and Infants Health Programme (NWIHP) and the HSE West and North West Women's and Children's network for transfer to Galway University Hospital or another unit of the woman's choosing. The average number of pregnancies with pre-existing diabetes is less than 10 annually. A combined obstetric endocrine antenatal clinic will remain in Portiuncula University Hospital and will provide care to women who develop diabetes in pregnancy.

I hope this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

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