



## **Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018**

### **Report on Reviews sought in 2020 for Mr Stephen Donnelly TD, Minister for Health**

#### **Application for review of medical opinion**

**13.** (1) *Where a medical practitioner, who has been requested to give an opinion in respect of a pregnant woman in the circumstances referred to in section 9(1) or 11(1)—*

(a) *does not give an opinion, or*

(b) *gives an opinion but not such as would be required for the purposes of a section 9 certification or section 11 certification, as the case may be,*

*(in this Part referred to as a “relevant decision”) he or she shall inform the pregnant woman in writing that an application may be made in accordance with subsection (2) to review the relevant decision.*

(2) *A pregnant woman, or a person acting on her behalf, may make an application in the prescribed form and manner to the Executive for a review of a relevant decision.*

#### **Report by Executive on operation of reviews**

**18.** (1) *The Executive shall, not later than 30 June in each year, prepare and submit to the Minister a report on the operation of reviews under this Part in the immediately preceding year, and the Minister shall, as soon as may be after receiving the report, cause copies of the report to be laid before each House of the Oireachtas.*

(2) *Notwithstanding the generality of subsection (1), a report under this section shall, in respect of the year that is the subject of the report, include information on—*

(a) *the total number of applications for review under section 13(2) received by the Executive,*

(b) *the number of reviews carried out,*

(c) *in the case of the reviews carried out, the reason why the review was sought, and*

(d) *the outcome of the reviews.*



In the context of the above Sections of the **Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018**, this Report then sets out the information as relevant and required from **1<sup>st</sup> January, 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2020** under the following headings;

- a) the total number of applications for review under section 13(2) received by the Executive
- b) the number of reviews carried out
- c) In the case of the reviews carried out, the reason why the review was sought
- d) The outcome of the reviews

### **Report Details**

- (a) The total number of applications received for review = 2
- (b) The number of reviews carried out = 2
- (c) The reviews were sought under the circumstances referred to in Section (11) of the Act.
- (d) In one application the Review Committee found that it met with the requirements for a lawful termination under the Act. In the other application, the Review Committee found that it did not meet the requirements for a lawful termination under the Act.

This concludes the report for 2020



---

**Dr Philip Crowley**  
**National Director of Quality Improvement**  
**Health Service Executive**

22nd April, 2021