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Mr Michael Lowry TD,
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To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE and his Department will fulfil their commitment to facilitating homebirth services in north Tipperary and CHO3; if all midwife-led services are fully operational in the rural areas of north Tipperary and CHO3; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Michael Lowry

Dear Deputy Lowry,

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.

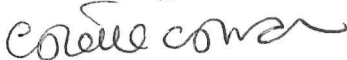
The Home Birth service in the Midwest remains temporarily suspended pending the outcome of an external review, which is ongoing. Policies, procedures, protocols and guidelines on home births are available on the HSE website.

See the following link for information:

<https://www2.hse.ie/pregnancy-birth/pregnancy-care/home-births/https://www2.hse.ie/pregnancy-birth/pregnancy-care/home-births/>

I trust this clarifies the position, please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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