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PQ Ref 20930/21 To ask the Minister for Health if there are pregnant women ill with Covid-19 who are currently on life-support or other critical care in a hospital either for their own care and or in order to advance their pregnancies to safe delivery of their babies; if so, the number of women affected from the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic to date; the strains of Covid-19 involved; the number of hospitals involved in care and transfer, both maternity and general; the location of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cronin

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.

As per the report prepared by the HPSC, the 'Epidemiology of intensive care admissions in adult cases of Covid-19 in Ireland', to date there have been 12 pregnant women and 4 post-partum (≤ 6 weeks) women diagnosed with Covid-19 and admitted to the ICU in Ireland.

The report does not cover, nor is it reported to us if there are pregnant women currently in critical care; the strain of Covid-19 involved; the number of hospitals involved; or the location of these hospitals.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

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