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To ask the Minister for Health to provide in tabular form the number of abortions performed at the UL Hospitals Group, broken down by category of the 2018 Health Act (ss. 9-12) for the years 2019 to 2023 inclusive; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Nolan,

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.

Data on termination of pregnancy is collated by the Department of Health via the notification process. The Minister for Health must prepare a report on the notifications received in a given year not later than the 30th June the following year and present it before the Houses of the Oireachtas. This report may then be published. The first four reports for 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 can be found at the links below.

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/b410b-health-regulation-of-termination-of-pregnancy-act-2018-annual-report-on-notifications-2019/>

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/ef674-health-regulation-of-termination-of-pregnancy-act-2018-annual-report-on-notifications-2020/>

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/ce61b-notifications-in-accordance-with-section-20-of-the-health-regulation-of-termination-of-pregnancy-act-2018-annual-report-2021/>

<https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/9851a-fourth-annual-report-on-notifications-in-accordance-with-the-health-regulation-of-termination-of-pregnancy-act-2018/>

Material published on information contained in notifications is restricted to limit the risk of identification. The HSE is in the process of developing data sets and frameworks for monitoring and evaluating termination of pregnancy services nationally.

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

Yours sincerely,



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