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Deputy Violet-Anne Wynne
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

PQ: 5309/24: To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 11 of 18 January 2024, the number of homebirths by county for each of the years 2019 to 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Wynne,

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 National Perinatal Epidemiology Centre (NPEC) have confirmed that data per county was not routinely collected prior to 2021, therefore as an alternative I have included a table in the attached document which captures 2019/2020 registration numbers for homebirth by HSE Area as published by NPEC. The attached document also provides the number of HSE Homebirth Bookings by county from 2021 to 2024 to date as collated by the Chair of the Designated Midwifery Officers (DMOs).

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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