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**Deputy Carol Nolan,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Dublin 2.**

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PQ: To ask the Minister for Health the number of initial consultations for the termination of pregnancy services that were provided by general practitioners, family planning clinics and women's health clinics in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Carol Nolan

Dear Deputy Nolan,

I refer to your parliamentary question which was passed to the HSE for response.

In Ireland, abortion is available to people in certain circumstances: women in early pregnancy (up to 12 weeks); if there is a risk to life or health of a pregnant woman; if there is risk to life or health of a pregnant woman in emergency; or any condition likely to lead to the death of the foetus.

Terminations of pregnancy at 9 weeks and under are provided in a community setting by participating (1) General Practitioners (2) Family Planning Clinics and (3) Women's Health Clinics. In 2020, there were 8,057 initial consultations for Termination of Pregnancy services. These figures are provided based on claim data, which has been received by the Primary Care Reimbursement Service (PCRS) from Community GPs.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. Crowley'.

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