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6th March 2026

1. This independent review (the “Independent Review”) is commissioned by the Chief Executive Officer of the Health Service Executive (HSE) (the “Commissioner”).
2. The Independent Review concerns the medical care and treatment of, advices to, and communication with Ms. Rebecca Price and Mr. Pat Kiely in relation to Ms. Price’s pregnancy in 2019 and all matters relating to the termination of Ms. Price’s pregnancy which was carried out at the National Maternity Hospital, Holles Street (“NMH”).
3. The Commissioner has appointed Mr. Niall Buckley SC (the “Independent Reviewer”) to conduct this review of the performance and provision of services at the NMH, and associated services, to Ms. Rebecca Price and Mr. Pat Kiely in accordance with clause 12.1 of the Service Arrangement entered into between the HSE and the NMH and Section 7 of the Health Act 2004.
4. The Independent Reviewer is appointed as the Authorised Person under clause 12.2 of the Service Arrangement for the purpose of this Independent Review. The Independent Reviewer shall also carry out the Independent Review in accordance with Section 7 of the Health Act 2004 for the purpose of improving, promoting and protecting the health and welfare of the public.
5. The Independent Reviewer may make any recommendations as he sees fit.
6. The Independent Reviewer is requested to report on any other factors and/or causes which can be identified for the purposes of improving current and future service delivery.
7. The Independent Reviewer is requested to complete the review process within a period of eight weeks or as soon thereafter as practicable and to furnish a written report to the Commissioner.
8. The Independent Reviewer will determine the methodology for the approach to be taken in order to achieve the objectives set out above in accordance with fair procedures.
9. The Independent Reviewer may meet with any person or persons (virtually or in person as deemed appropriate by the Independent Reviewer) who can

assist with the review as the Independent Reviewer deems appropriate. The purpose of such meetings is to enable the Independent Reviewer to conduct an evidence-based analysis and to report into the matters identified above. The Independent Reviewer is free to seek any information and to raise any issue which he considers relevant to the review. The Independent Reviewer may also determine that any particular issue is outside of the scope of the review, but will note same in the final report.

10. All meetings will be recorded by Gwen Malone Stenography services.
11. The Independent Reviewer shall make such enquiries, conduct such interviews, examine such documents, and engage in such correspondence as he considers appropriate for the purpose of the Independent Review.
12. Refusal or failure to co-operate by any individual, organisation or body will not prevent the Independent Reviewer producing a written report at the conclusion of the review based on the information available to the Independent Reviewer at that time.
13. In the event that the Independent Reviewer considers it necessary to seek an extension, variation, amendment or clarification to the Terms of Reference he may make such recommendations to the Commissioner as he considers appropriate.
14. The Independent Reviewer will be provided with administrative support for the purpose of the Independent Review.
15. In addition, the Independent Reviewer may, with the approval of the Commissioner, engage the services of experts with specialist expertise (“Specialist Experts”) for the purposes of the Independent Review.