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PQ 46516/19* *“To ask the Minister for Health if gender reassignment treatment is covered under the treatment abroad scheme due to long waiting lists here; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”*

Dear Deputy Boyd Barrett T.D.,

Thank you for your parliamentary question referenced above which has been forwarded to me for direct reply.

The HSE Treatment Abroad Scheme (TAS) for an Irish based public hospital consultant to refer a public patient to the public health system of another EU/EEA member state for treatment which is unavailable in Ireland.

Gender Reassignment surgery is not available in Ireland and therefore falls under the remit of the HSE TAS.

However, from your reference to “long waiting lists” in Ireland for gender reassignment treatment, I am presuming that you are not referring to Gender reassignment surgery and your question is with regard to the elements of treatment for these patients which are available in Ireland. In this regard, the access to such services outside the state would fall under the remit of the HSE Cross Border Directive. Full details on the HSE CBD are available on the HSE website:

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/1/schemes/cross-border-directive/about/cbd-overview.html>

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0872668759 or catherinet.donohoe@hse.ie

Yours sincerely,

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