



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte  
Health Service Executive

8th November 2019

Deputy Mick Barry TD  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2

Rannan na nOspideil Ghearmhíochaine  
Aonad 4A – Áras Dargan  
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**PQ 41357/19** \* *To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the availability of hormone treatment for transgender persons through the health service; his engagement with the transgender community on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

Dear Deputy Barry,

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.

Hormone treatment for transgender persons is carried out in the National Gender Service based at St Columcille's Hospital in Loughlinstown and at CHI at Crumlin.

The Ireland East Hospital Group, who have responsibility for services at St Columcille's Hospital have advised us as follows: Hormone replacement therapy is available through the health service, and is mainly managed by the National Gender Service based at St Columcille's Hospital in Loughlinstown. Referral rates have increased substantially over the last five years. New investment was made in the National Gender Service this year to address this increase in demand. New posts are now in place, and a major transformation programme is underway to improve processes and efficiency within the National Gender Service.

Children's Health Ireland have advised that CHI at Crumlin accept children and adolescent referrals to the endocrine service for assessment & treatment. These referrals are accepted once the child/adolescent has been through a Community & Child Psychiatry assessment.

The HSE National Social Inclusion office supports LGBTI communities so that they have equal access and use of health services and work with the HSE Quality Improvement Division to finalise developing and to put in place care pathways for members of the transgender community.

Further details can be found on the HSE website via the following link:  
<https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/az/g/gender-dysphoria/>

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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