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Deputy Jennifer Whitmore,
Dail Eireann,
Dublin 2.

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To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place to reform the current pathway for trans healthcare for persons under 18 years of age who currently must go through CAMHS which does not have the experience to deal with gender dysphoria; the plans in place to establish a gender service in Ireland for those under 18 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Jennifer Whitmore

Dear Deputy Whitmore,

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Service Development Model for Transgender Children, Adolescents and Adults developed by the HSE Quality Improvement Division sets out a proposed model of care and treatment pathway which seeks to build on the current services in place.

Currently the HSE are working on the further development of multidisciplinary gender care delivery in Ireland (including gender clinics) both in services for Children & Adolescents and for Adults. The National Gender Service has submitted business cases for additional staff, with approval already provided for a number of posts (including Clinical and Admin posts) to begin addressing the waiting list and allow the NGS to offer a more diverse range of supports and interventions.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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