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**Deputy Neasa Hourigan,
Dail Eireann,
Dublin 2.**

PQ Number: 12858/21

To ask the Minister for Health his plans to develop a service user forum for the national gender service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Neasa Hourigan

Dear Deputy Hourigan,

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.

Considerable progress has been made in the establishment of a Clinical Governance Group in the National Gender Service, with membership composed of representatives from the Adult Endocrine and Mental Health Services and from the Children's Endocrine Service. Further progress is underway to develop a Service User Forum for the NGS, with support provided by the HSE Head of Mental Health Engagement & Recovery in relation to service user involvement and representation.

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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