

## Ceannasaí Náisiúnta Oibríochtaí Meabhairshláinte

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April 20<sup>th</sup> 2021, Deputy Colm Burke, Dail Eireann Dublin 2.

PQ Number: 14095/21

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the resources that have been made available in order that the HSE service development model of care is implemented and accessible to support transgender young persons to include the provision of appropriate mental health services at primary and specialist services in line with Objective 13 of the LGBTI+ National Youth Strategy to improve the physical and mental health of transgender young persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Colm Burke

Dear Deputy Burke,

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.

Funding was granted to both adult (IEHG) and paediatrics to CHI at Crumlin to deliver the transgender service from Acute Operations and Mental Health. A total of 9 WTE posts were granted, outlined below.

| CHI at Crumlin                        | WTE |
|---------------------------------------|-----|
| Consultant Paediatric Endocrinologist | 1   |
| Senior Psychologist                   | 1   |
| Clinical Nurse Specialist             | 1   |
| Grade IV                              | 0.5 |
|                                       | 3.5 |
| IEHG – St Colmcilles                  |     |
| Consultant Endocrinologist            | 1   |
| Social Worker                         | 1   |
| Speech and Language Therapist         | 1   |
| Senior Psychologist                   | 1   |
| Grade IV                              | 0.5 |
|                                       | 4.5 |
| Community and CHI – CHO 6             |     |
| Consultant Adult Psychiatrist         | 1   |
|                                       |     |
| Total Posts                           | 9   |



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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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