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Deputy Colm Burke,
Dail Eireann
Dublin 2.

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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the steps that have been taken to develop transgender health services for children and adults in Ireland with a clear transition pathway from child to adult services, in line with action 19.2 of the National LGBTI+ Inclusion Strategy; 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.

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 and address the on-going service deficits which are a source of great distress for people seeking to transition, their families and health professionals.

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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