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To ask the Minister for Health if a policy has been developed to ensure all health programmes take account of young persons who have transitioned, for example, immunisation programmes and HPV as recommended by an association (details supplied) or other appropriate professional transgender health guidelines in line with objective 13 of the LGBTI+ National Youth Strategy 2018-2020.; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Hourigan,

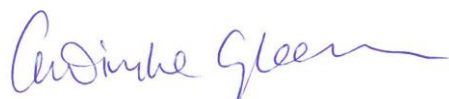
The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

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

The HSE National Office for Human Rights and Equality Policy in the National Quality Improvement Team is working in partnership with TENI in the co-design of guidelines on the care of Transgender Children, Adolescents and Adults who access mainstream health and social care services. It is expected that these guidelines will be completed by the end of 2021. These guidelines will be disseminated to mainstream services, which will include immunisation programmes, to promote greater awareness of transgender health issues so as to improve the health outcomes of transgender children, adolescents and adults.

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely



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