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April 9<sup>th</sup> 2021, Deputy Neasa Hourigan, 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 with a clear transition pathway from child to adult services in line with action 19.2 of the National LGBTI+ Inclusion Strategy 2018-2020; 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.

Following the publication of the HSE Final Report of the Steering Committee on the Development of HSE Transgender Identity Services, discussions have been ongoing between the National Gender Service, Children's Health Ireland and HSE Mental Health Services in relation to supporting the development of seamless interfaces between the agencies involved in care delivery. A Working Group will be established including representatives the National Gender Service, Children's Health Ireland and HSE Mental Health Services in CHO7 to ensure that clear transition pathways existing from child to adult services, to be chaired by the HSE National Clinical Advisor & Group Lead for Mental Health.

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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