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Deputy David Cullinane, Dáil Eireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

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"To ask the Minister for Health the engagement he has had and the plans he has considered to provide access to gender-identity adolescent service at Crumlin Children's Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter".

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

I refer to your parliamentary question above to which I have been asked to provide a response.

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) will continue to engage with the HSE relating to any new referrals under the UK High Court ruling recommendations pertaining to Tavistock and following any court appeal determination.

Currently the HSE is working on the establishment of the children and adolescent gender identity team service in Ireland, to include the recruitment of a Consultant Psychiatrist with a special interest in Gender Identity as part of the model of care.

CHI Crumlin has successfully recruited a Consultant Endocrinologist and communication is underway with respect to a date for commencement following the candidates notice period and current clinical obligations.

Yours sincerely,

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