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To ask the Minister for Health the status of the implementation and the progress being made to improve access to healthcare under the LGBTI+ National Youth Strategy, the National LGBTI+

Question: Inclusion Strategy and the HSE's Final Report of the Steering Committee on the Development of

HSE Transgender Identity Services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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.

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 HSE Final Report of the Steering Committee on the Development of HSE Transgender Identity Services recommended developing a full multidisciplinary team (as defined in the Model of Care) to be led by the new CAMHS Consultant Psychiatrist. Progress is ongoing in relation to the recruitment of a CAMHS Consultant Psychiatrist with a special interest in Gender Identity, following which the full approved multidisciplinary team will be put in place.

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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