

27th September 2021

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Re: PQ 46123/21 – Gender reassignment, St Columcille’s Hospital

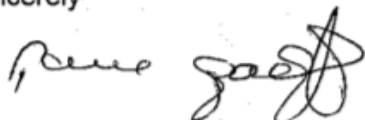
“To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full year cost in 2022 of clearing waiting lists for gender reassignment.”

Dear Deputy Kenny,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking an update on estimated full year costs in 2022 of clearing waiting lists for gender reassignment, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that the term gender reassignment is usually used to refer to gender affirming genital surgery. Gender affirming genital surgery is not available in Ireland at present. There are waiting lists for these surgeries, but they exist outside of Ireland (mainly in the UK, Belgium and Germany) and costs vary by surgery type and region. This data is not accessible to St Columcille's.

Yours sincerely



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