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PQ6035222* *“To ask the Minister for Health the length of time that a gender identity development service (details supplied) has been paid to run clinics for Irish children at Crumlin children's hospital; the amount that was paid for this service through the EU treatment abroad scheme; if the Department or the HSE made the EU aware of its use of the TAS scheme to pay for the service to run clinics in Crumlin children's hospital; if the EU was satisfied with this use of the TAS; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”*

Details Supplied: Tavistock's GIDS

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

Thank you for your parliamentary question above, which has been forwarded to me for direct reply.

I regret to inform you that I cannot provide the information requested. The outreach service from Tavistock & Portman in the form of an outpatient clinic at Our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin was established via an arrangement between the two services. All details in relation to when it was established and how many patients attended it should be available from either Tavistock & Portman or Our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin. The Treatment Abroad Scheme (TAS) issues approval of funding for individual patients in exactly the same way regardless of whether the patient attended the outreach service or travelled to London.

I can confirm that 233 patients have accessed care under the HSE TAS from the Tavistock & Portman NHS Foundation Trust from 2012-2022, 31st October.

I wish to advise that the TAS has not paid for clinics to be run in the public or private sector in Ireland.

If you have any queries, or would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0872668759 or via catherinet.donohoe@hse.ie.

Yours sincerely,

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