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Deputy Gino Kenny
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PQ 63499/21 – The improvements his Department is making in the area of healthcare for trans persons; his views on whether the current waiting time of over two and a half years to be first seen is unacceptable; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that this has declined further during the Covid-19 pandemic; his views on the immense negative impact this is having on the mental health of pre transition trans persons given the rates of both suicidal ideation and attempts in this group

Dear Deputy Kenny,

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 am advised by Ireland East Hospital Group that the waiting time for initial appointments at the National Gender Service is now over two years due to an ongoing increase in demand over the last number of years. In 2018, additional investment in staff was provided and a number of new staff were recruited.

While referral rates now seem to be plateauing, demand for the National Gender Service continues to exceed capacity.

I am advised that the National Gender Service has submitted a business case seeking investment in additional staff together with capital investment for additional clinical space. This is currently under consideration.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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