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**Re: PQ 13640/22– National Gender Services (NGS)**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each CHO area currently awaiting an assessment by the National Gender Service; the average waiting times for each CHO area; and the current waiting time in each CHO area in tabular form.”**

Dear Deputy McDonald,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking an update on persons in each CHO area currently awaiting an assessment by the National Gender Service, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that National Gender Services are unable to quantify the number of people in each CHO who are awaiting appointment with the NGS as our information system does not record their location by CHO's.

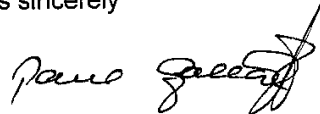
NGS can confirm that there are 918 people currently on the National Gender Services waiting list and that wait times at present are a minimum of 30 months.

Wait times are equivalent irrespective of the CHO from which the referral emanated.

National Gender Services sincerely regret the long delay in future patients receiving their first appointment with the service, however this is due to the huge demand on the service at present.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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