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Re: PQ 15993/22-WPATH membership, NGS

"To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline progress in the State's relevant health services securing membership to the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH); and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy Hourigan,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking an update on securing membership to WPATH 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 the National Gender Service multidisciplinary team are registered with the regulatory bodies responsible for their clinical disciplines.

The World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH) is not a regulatory body, as such the National Gender Service is not seeking to secure membership.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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