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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost to ensure that all healthcare workers in mental health services receive gender-specific training. -Jennifer Murnane O'Connor

Dear Deputy Murnane O'Connor,

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 have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

In 2017 & 2019, TENI partnered with HSE, national and international experts in the field of trans healthcare, to develop an extensive 3 day training package for frontline workers throughout Ireland who encounter trans people in their work. This particular training is called Gender Identity Skills Training (GIST). In Feb 2020 The Final Report of the Steering Committee on the Development of HSE Transgender Identity Services recommended 6 stated "Continue to roll out Gender Identity Skills Training (GIST) nationally to all relevant staff members across the continuum of care, through primary care, secondary care and tertiary care, including Jigsaw and CIPC staff providing services at a local level. This action is shared with Mental Health Services and HSE Social Inclusion. The delivery of GIST training was paused during the COVID pandemic, and it is planned to deliver training to a further 60 staff in 2022. It costs circa €15,000 to train 60 staff.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

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