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PQ9722/23      *“To ask the Minister for Health in relation to a model of care for transgender children, if children from the State have been or are being referred for treatment to service centres or clinics outside the State, other than to a UK clinic (Tavistock clinic London England); and if so, if he will list the locations.”*

Dear Deputy Flanagan,

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

The information you require is held by individual consultants who have clinical responsibility for referring individual patients for healthcare. However as your query relates to referrals for psychology services in respect of transgender care, such psychology services are not available in Ireland. Based on applications for funding to the Treatment Abroad Scheme for these services, I can confirm that all applications for such funding have been in respect of the services to be provided by Tavistock & Portman NHS service in the UK. We are aware of patients accessing the service in Antwerp, Belgium via the provisions of the Cross Border Directive and in a private capacity.

I regret I cannot provide more detailed information but in short, patients are using funding from the Treatment Abroad Scheme to access the treatment for which they have a public referral in Tavistock & Portman in the UK and using the Cross Border Directive to access treatment in the service in Antwerp, Belgium.

If you have any queries, or would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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