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PQ16008/23- Deputy Charles Flanagan- To ask the Minister for Health if he will publish the HSE report of the Chief Clinical Officer on the matter of the referral of Irish children to the Tavistock Gender Identity clinic, London

Dear Deputy Flanagan,

Thank you for your representation. In 2021 NHS England commissioned a Review of Gender Identity Development Service for Children and Adolescents chaired by Dr Hilary Cass.

Following publication of the Interim Cass Report, the HSE's Chief Clinical Officer (CCO) requested the National Quality and Patient Safety Directorate to review the interim Cass report and how it applies to clinical pathways from Ireland. The HSE will establish a group during 2023 to develop an updated model of care for the treatment of gender dysphoria. The group will be led by an expert clinician from a relevant specialty who will oversee this process and ensure widespread stakeholder engagement.

The HSE's goal is to develop a person-centered model of care and invest in an integrated service that meets the needs of transgender people in Ireland. The HSE's review of Dr Cass report has been published and can be found at the following link

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/clinical-strategy-and-programmes/review-of-the-implications-of-the-cass-report-for-the-provision-of-gender-identity-services-for-children-and-young-people-in-ireland-march-2023-published-version.pdf>

I hope this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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