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Deputy Mick Barry, TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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RE: PQ13835/24, PQ13836/24

Details: <https://www.newstalk.com/podcasts/highlights-from-newstalk-breakfast/nhs-have-confirmed-that-children-will-no-longer-receive-puberty-blockers>

PQ 13835/24 To ask the Minister for Health if the National Gender Service can share where the protocols that involve leaving transgender youth on puberty blockers alone for ten years until age 23 as their staff mentioned on the radio last week (details supplied) are published, and the names of clinics which do this; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 13836/24 To ask the Minister for Health if the appearance on the radio last week by one of their staff (details supplied) was authorised by the National Gender Service; if he and the National Gender Service fully supports the statements made; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Barry,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in relation to the above parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have consulted with the National Clinical Advisor and Group Lead for Children and Young People (NCAGL C&YP) on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

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The current pathway for young people in Ireland with gender dysphoria involves supportive multi-disciplinary care. A small number of young people with gender dysphoria are prescribed puberty blockers under close clinical monitoring.

The HSE clinical programme for gender healthcare will prepare a care pathway for our Irish patients and will support the doctors, nurses and health and social care professionals who work in gender healthcare

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A new national clinical programme for gender healthcare is being initiated by the HSE. Over the next two years, the programme will develop an updated clinical model of care for gender healthcare services for the Irish population.

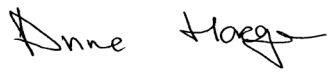
The model of care will be developed in a consultative way, engaging with stakeholders, healthcare professionals and patients, who will be involved in the design of services and advise on the delivery and evaluation of services. There is no requirement for the outcome of this work to be aligned with the approach of any particular organisation and the outcome will be informed and guided by the needs of people living in Ireland.

We will be led by best evidence, so our guidance will also change and evolve over the coming years, as the evidence base develops.



I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Anne Horgan
General Manager

