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Mr Paul Murphy TD,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 27908 To ask the Minister for Health what the requirements are for vaginoplasty and phalloplasty for transgender patients under the treatment abroad scheme; and if this includes approval by two consultant members of a multidisciplinary team.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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

In general the Treatment Abroad Scheme (TAS) allows a consultant treating a patient in a public capacity in Ireland to refer the public patient abroad for treatment which is not available in Ireland or which is not available within a clinically necessary timeframe. As part of the application process under TAS particular specialties/treatments require evidence of multidisciplinary sign off, this is not specific to transgender healthcare applications.

As you are aware the HSE recently appointed a new clinical lead for Transgender services which will enable a Model of Care and enhance pathways within these services and may encompass specific requirements and or processes under TAS.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frances McNamara', written over a horizontal line.

Frances McNamara
Assistant National Director