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REF: PQ25262/24

RE: To ask the Minister for Health the number of people currently attending the transgender clinic in University Hospital Galway. -Paul Murphy

Dear Deputy Murphy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you directly in the context of the request for information referenced above.

Currently there are approximately 100 patients attending the Transgender clinic at University Hospital Galway. The Transgender service is provided by Dr. Marcia Bell, Consultant Endocrinologist, University Hospital, Galway.

Since March of this year, all new referrals are being handled by the National Gender Service, at St. Colmcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown, Dublin as UHG is not currently resourced to meet the demands of the service.

The Saolta University Health Care Group will be submitting a business case for resources to develop the service to meet the demand and ensure that the population of the West /North West region has access to local services.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Kane", written over a horizontal line.

Chris Kane
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