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PQ 5458/25 – “To ask the Minister for Health the medical-evidence basis for the investment by the HSE into an organisation (details supplied)” - Peadar Tóibín TD

Details Supplied: TENI (Transgender Equality Network of Ireland)

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

HSE Integrated Health Areas of Dublin North County and Dublin North City & West Social Inclusion and Addiction Services advised TENI signs a Service Arrangement each year under Section 39 Health Act 2004 which provides governance arrangements with defined management processes, organisational roles, responsibilities and reporting relationships that support the provision of a safe and high quality service.

HSE Social Inclusion Dublin North provides funding of €80,000 per annum to TENI for a Transgender Health Care Training Officer (1 WTE) & Family Support Officer (0.5 WTE).

The basis for investment by the HSE into the organisation TENI is to support family members and inform wider public in the area of gender dysphoria. A diagnosis for Gender Dysphoria is included in the Diagnostical and Statistical manual of Mental Disorders, as stated *“A significant incongruence between one’s experienced or expressed gender and one’s sexual characteristics”*

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,

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