



21st February 2025

Deputy Paul Murphy, TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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RE: PQ 6640/25

To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 816 of 22 October 2024, the reason the planning for the development of the new transgender HSE Model of Care does not include any patient representative groups.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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) and the Gender Healthcare Programme on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

The HSE Gender Healthcare Programme is being established to develop an updated Model of Care for gender healthcare services in Ireland, with an aim of providing safe and effective health and social care for those seeking healthcare services.

The purpose of the HSE Model of Care for Gender Healthcare is to provide a clinical framework for safe and effective delivery of gender healthcare services in Ireland.

The clinical model of care will be developed in a consultative way, engaging with healthcare professionals, patients and their families who will be involved in the design of services. There will be opportunities for interested parties and patient advocates to submit opinions. People with lived experience will be invited to participate in the work of the programme. Information on this will be updated on our website¹.

We are committed to building a gender healthcare service in Ireland based on experience and clinical evidence, respect, inclusiveness and compassion.

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

Reference: <https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/cspd/ncps/gender/>