



14th March 2025

Deputy Paul Murphy, TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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RE: PQ 6648/25

To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware that while employed to develop the HSEs transgender model of care, staff of the programme have written to GPs discouraging them from providing essential blood tests for their transgender patients; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

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.

Gender Healthcare Programme team members, who are practising clinicians, may have contact with healthcare professionals such as GPs in the course of their clinical practice work, separate to their role within the programme. In this context, they may offer clinical advice to healthcare professionals as per standard clinical practice. Such advice is a matter for the clinician and the clinical service they work within.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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