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Dear Mr Conor McGuinness,

I was asked to comment on a Parliamentary Question directed to the Minister for Health on clinical provision for students at the National Gender Service.

We do not recommend prescribing gender affirming hormone therapy in the absence of a comprehensive holistic multidisciplinary assessment, or if after such an assessment, the apparent risks exceed the apparent benefits.

The approved model of care in practice at the National Gender Service (NGS) is based on a multidisciplinary assessment that takes into account all aspects of a person's health and wellbeing over their lifetime, rather than focusing only on gender and gender dysphoria. This assessment results in a formulation of risk and benefit that informs a recommendation on clinical intervention. An outline of the assessment process is on our website [www.nationalgenderserviceireland.com](https://www.nationalgenderserviceireland.com)

I trust the above is useful in answering this query

Yours sincerely,

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