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Dail Eireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
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Dear Mr Conor McGuinness,

I was asked to comment on a Parliamentary Question directed to the Minister for Health on current staffing and structure at the National Gender Service.

All MDT staff engaged in multidisciplinary assessment within the NGS are engaged in follow-on clinical work.

From 2020 to date, the staff complement at the NGS has been:

1.0 WTE Social Worker,
1.0 WTE Occupational Therapy,
2.0 WTE Psychology,
1.0 WTE Endocrinologist,
1.0 WTE Psychiatry,
4.0 WTE Nursing,
1.0 WTE Speech and Language Therapy.

Business cases for additional staff and clinical space were submitted so that we can offer sufficient capacity to meet the increase in demand and reduce waiting times. Some of these cases were approved last year but did not proceed to recruitment due to the limits set within the pay and numbers strategy.

I trust the above is useful in answering this query.

Yours sincerely,

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