



11th March, 2025

Deputy David Cullinane, TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

RE: PQ 9564/25

To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the review of gender healthcare and the development of an updated clinical model for services; the timeframe for completion of this work; and the staging posts remaining in completing this work

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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 has initiated a new Gender Healthcare Programme to develop an updated clinical model of care for gender healthcare services for the Irish population. It is expected that this work will take approximately 2 years.

It is planned that the programme team will include a medical clinical lead, a Health and Social Care Professional (HSCP) lead, a Nurse lead, a GP lead and a HSE programme manager. The clinical lead is in place and recruitment processes are ongoing for the other team members.

Once all team members are recruited and onboarded, the programme team will start to develop the updated clinical model of care. The process will involve research, mapping of current services and stakeholder engagement with healthcare professionals, patients and their families who will be involved in the design of services.

Information on our process and progress is available on our webpage which will be updated as the work develops.¹

The HSE's Gender Healthcare Programme is 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:

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