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**To ask the Minister for Health if her Department will consider streamlining the process for accessing PREP, potentially adopting models used in countries like the UK and Australia, where PREP services are more efficient and patient-friendly.**

Dear Deputy Gannon

Thank you for your question to the Minister for Health, which was forwarded to my office to respond to you directly.

The Sexual Health Programme (SHP) continues to work with services and the PrEP working group to identify and implement service efficiencies. Members of the SHP clinical team are part of a research team awarded a Health Research Board grant under the Government of Ireland Evidence for Policy Call. This research will evaluate the impact of the introduction of an online component to PrEP care on efficiency, capacity, value for money, feasibility and acceptability. Recruitment will commence as soon as research ethics committee approval is granted. If successful, new funding will be requested to include an online component to PrEP care where suitable and acceptable to service users.

Yours Sincerely,

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