



16 May 2025

Deputy Paul Murphy, TD  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

**RE: PQ 22070/25**

**To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 229 of 19 February 2025, if the Gender Healthcare Programme considers that there may be a conflict of interest given previous advice given by its staff outside the context of programme to GPs, and if so how they plan on managing that conflict**

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.

The HSE is committed to building gender healthcare services in Ireland based on experience and clinical evidence, starting with an updated model of care. Our goal is to develop a person-centred model of care and develop an integrated gender healthcare service that meets the needs of people in Ireland.

Gender healthcare is a new, emerging area of care, supporting people who experience gender incongruence or dysphoria. These services are limited at this time and are not meeting people's full range of needs. In addition, evidence for the best and safest type of healthcare in this area is limited, in Ireland and internationally.

The HSE aims to be able to provide a wide range of healthcare services for all people with gender dysphoria, from care locally in the community to more specialised and complex care. We are committed to building a service in Ireland based on experience and clinical evidence, respect, inclusiveness and compassion.

The model of care will be developed in a consultative way, engaging with stakeholders; healthcare professionals working in the area of gender healthcare and service users and their families, including GP's.

The clinical programme for gender healthcare will consider emerging and evolving international evidence. We will be led by best evidence, so our guidance will also change and evolve over the coming years, as the evidence base develops.

We are 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

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