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RE: PQ 22071/25

To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 447 of 6 March of 2025, that given it has been previously stated that there's no requirement for the Gender Healthcare Programme to be aligned with the approach of any particular organisation, the reason the model described for prescribing gender hormone therapy for adults is that of just one particular organisation of the many providing this care to Irish trans people

RE: PQ 22074/25

To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1576 of 17 January 2023, for an update on the design of the Gender Healthcare Programme's stakeholder engagement plan

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 developing a person-centred model of care and an integrated gender healthcare service that meets the needs of people in Ireland. Gender healthcare is a new, emerging area of care and evidence for the best and safest type of healthcare in this area is limited, in Ireland and internationally.

Recruitment of the remaining Gender Healthcare Programme team members is underway. Once this team is in place, work can begin on stakeholder engagement which will inform the development of the Model of Care.

The model of care will be developed in a consultative way through collaborative input, engaging with stakeholders, healthcare professionals working in the area of gender healthcare and service users including young people and their families. This model of care will include reference to prescription of hormone therapy. People with lived experience will be invited to participate in the work of the programme. Information on this will be updated on our website.¹

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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General Manager

Reference

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



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