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

RE: PQ 22073/25

To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 858 of 1 April 2025, the reason the Gender Healthcare programme chose the consult model for engagement, rather than discuss or collaborate

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 and evidence for the best and safest type of healthcare in this area is limited, in Ireland and internationally.

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 and their families. People with lived experience will be invited to participate in the work of the programme. Information on this will be updated on our website¹.

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

Anne Horgan
General Manager

Reference

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