



16 May 2025

Deputy Maireád Farrell, TD  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

**RE: PQ 22260/25**

**To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 793 of 1 April 2025, if additional funding for new or existing transgender services is to be decided within the health regions, fully independent of the ongoing Gender Healthcare Programme**

Dear Deputy Farrell,

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 Gender Healthcare Programme is being established to develop an updated clinical model of care for gender healthcare services in Ireland, with an aim of designing clinical pathways to deliver safe and effective health and social care for those seeking gender healthcare services. The updated clinical model of care will inform service planning and development.

The HSE has created 6 new health regions. Each region is responsible for providing both hospital and community care for the people in that area. Health and social care services, including gender health care services, are now being planned and delivered around the specific needs of local populations, leading to better co-ordination of care and access to services.

The HSE is still a single organisation, with 6 health regions. The regions remain under the governance of the HSE Board and the HSE continues to be responsible for standards and guidelines. Information on the new HSE health regions can be found at <https://about.hse.ie/our-work/hse-health-regions/>

We are committed to building a service in Ireland for the Irish population that is 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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**Anne Horgan**  
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