



16 May 2025

Deputy Mark Wall, TD  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

**RE: PQ 22683/25**

**To ask the Minister for Health the means by which patients and the parents/carers of young trans people will be consulted by the HSE on the new clinical model for the Gender Healthcare Programme; whether patient and civil society representatives will be invited to join the relevant working group for the new model of care; and if she will make a statement on the matter**

Dear Deputy Wall,

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, including young people 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 website<sup>1</sup>.

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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**Anne Horgan**  
**General Manager**

**Reference**

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