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Deputy Paul Murphy, TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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RE: PQ 27008/25

To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of a recent review by the US Department of Health and Human Services on healthcare for trans youth (details supplied); and if the HSE's Gender Healthcare Programme intends to consider it.

Details:<https://www.hhs.gov/press-room/gender-dysphoria-report-release.html>

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 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 a clinical pathway for safe and effective health and social care for those seeking gender healthcare.

As part of the HSE's standardised approach for developing an updated clinical model of care, international practice and guidance will be studied, which will include examination of all available evidence on both the potential benefits and potential harms associated with medical transition, including but not limited to, the use of puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones and surgeries.

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