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

RE: PQ 27011/25

To ask the Minister for Health for details of the community pilot project to identify the needs of children and young people within the gender healthcare programme, including around ethical approval and any patient and public involvement in the project.

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.

The programme has proposed a time-bound piece of work which will involve engagement with gender questioning children and young people, their families and/or caregivers, to understand the need for community based supports for each of these groups. It is hoped that information will be generated from this engagement process may inform the updated clinical model of care for gender healthcare services.

Discussions are taking place with various stakeholders at the moment and no work has yet commenced.

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