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To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide the guidelines issued by her Department to the HSE on the use of sex and gender terminology in medical information leaflets and online publications; and if she will direct the HSE to publish those guidelines in full.

Dear Deputy O'Flynn,

The Health Service Executive have been requested to reply directly to your above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The Department of Health has not provided guidelines to the HSE on the use of sex and gender terminology in medical information leaflets and online publications.

The HSE developed a [LGBTIQ+ terminology document](#) in 2024, based on World Health Organisation (WHO) definitions on gender identity, biological sex and sexual orientation, to support health staff providing care to the LGBTIQ+ community

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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