



Paul Murphy
Dail Eireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
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Dear Deputy Murphy,

I was asked to comment the reason for the National Gender Service chose to start and dedicate time to this systematic review, rather than relying on existing reviews.

The systematic review is not commissioned, managed, or resourced by the National Gender Service, and no dedicated NGS time or funding is being allocated to this activity. Accordingly, the NGS cannot comment on the rationale for initiating the review, as it does not form part of its official work programme.

If further clarification is required in relation to the review itself, the matter should be directed to St John of God Hospital, where the lead individuals are employed.

Yours sincerely,

Lorraine O'Toole
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