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Deputy Murphy  
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**Re: 44660/25**

**To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE's gender identity skills training was withdrawn; and when it was withdrawn.**

Dear Deputy Murphy

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.

In late 2023 a decision was made to postpone the Gender Identity Skills Training (GIST) in light of limited availability of subject experts. Furthermore, given that the exploration of referral pathways is an important aspect of the training, it was decided to postpone the training until the model of care for gender services is fully developed.

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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