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* To ask the Minister for Health to provide those CHOs in which roll out TENI (Transgender Equality Network) training has been rolled out

Dear Deputy Kelleher,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position

As society becomes more aware of Transgender issues, service providers and clinicians are requesting training in how to address the needs of Transgender people and their families. The HSE fund TENI to provide the training free-of-charge to HSE supported agencies and PCT's. The objective is to up-skill all HSE agency staff and Primary Care Teams throughout Ireland to be able to address the needs of Transgender people and their families going forward. All TENI trainings are evaluated and certificate based.

Aim:

To provide participants with an awareness of the challenges that are experienced by the Transgender community and their families. Paying specific attention to the experiences of service-users who are undergoing a process of changing gender role, having knowledge of pathways of care for referral to relevant services. This training will consist of a detailed information presentation, question and answers session, practical exercises including scenarios.

Training: Training is being provided by the Health and Education Manager of TENI, who has experience in community development, facilitation, support, training, public speaking, a foundation certificate in counselling and a BA Hon degree in Psychology. Training is underway with a view to being done in each CHO area. To-date, training has taken place in CHO 4, CHO 5 and the following counties, Dublin, Galway, Roscommon, Donegal, Mayo, the Midlands and County Laois (Portlaoise).

I trust the above information is useful to you but should you have further queries around this area of work, please do contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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