



24th March 2021

Deputy Neasa Hourigan, TD
Dáil Eireann
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Re PQ: 12860/21

To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide gender identity skills training to all relevant staff members across the continuum of care through primary, secondary and tertiary care; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Hourigan,

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

The HSE, TENI and key national and international experts have developed an extensive training package to ensure Irish healthcare workers develop a better understanding of and confidence in working with gender variant people. This three day training programme was termed Gender Identity Skills Training (GIST) and has been offered to HSE Staff nationally working in the area of Gender Identity supported by SECH Social Inclusion, since 2019.

The GIST Organising Committee plan to deliver GIST virtually in Q4 2021 for those applicants on the waiting list for 2020.

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

Yours sincerely,

Joseph Doyle
National Lead, Social Inclusion

