



10th June, 2024

Deputy Patrick Costello, TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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RE: PQ 24852/24

To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 256 of 23 May 2024, if, in the intervening two years, the HSE will be taking any actions to decrease the number of GPs who are refusing to work in partnership with their transgender patients to order relevant blood tests.

Dear Deputy Costello,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in relation to the above parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have consulted with the National Clinical Advisor and Group Lead for Children and Young People (NCAGL C&YP) on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

The HSE acknowledges that current gender healthcare services are limited at this time and are not meeting people's full range of needs. In addition, evidence for the best and safest type of healthcare in this area is limited, in Ireland and internationally.

The HSE, through the new gender healthcare programme, will work with GPs and with patients to design a clinical pathway that will include care delivered locally in the community to more specialised and complex care.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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