



15<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Deputy Thomas Gould, TD  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

**RE: PQ 38553/24**

**To ask the Minister for Health the proportion of work time of the clinical lead for transgender services which is dedicated to clinical practice at the National Gender Service; the proportion dedicated to the development of the new Model of Care; and the special arrangements, if any, which apply for the duration of the development of the new model of care; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Gould,

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.

Under the policy framework of Sláintecare, a multi-disciplinary team, led by a Clinical Lead for the Gender Healthcare Programme was commissioned to develop an updated and integrated HSE Model of Care (MoC) for gender healthcare services.

The Clinical Lead for the Gender Healthcare Programme is a full time (1 WTE) post.

In line with other national clinical programmes (NCPs), National Clinical Leads who are registered medical practitioners maintain professional competence by participating in continuous professional development (CPD) and clinical practice, as needed.

These requirements can vary over time and so, no set schedule for this activity is specified.

The HSE's Gender Healthcare Programme is committed to building a gender healthcare service in Ireland based on experience and clinical evidence, respect, inclusiveness and compassion.

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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**Anne Horgan**  
**General Manager**