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**PQ 40862/24** To ask the Minister for Health the reason people living with HIV, who are not in the IVF exclusion criteria, are not included under the treatment abroad scheme; and if he is aware of clinics offering IVF to those living with HIV abroad who can complete an E112/S2 form.

Dear Deputy Gould,

Thank you for your Parliamentary Question referenced above, which has been forwarded to me for direct reply.

Once an individual meets the criteria for Assisted Human Reproduction (AHR) services they are entitled to apply for these services, this includes individuals living with HIV. Where the service to which they are entitled is not available in the public healthcare system in Ireland, or not available within a timely fashion, they are entitled to apply under the Treatment Abroad Scheme.

In general the Treatment Abroad Scheme (TAS), entitles a public patient in Ireland to funding to access public healthcare in another EU/EEA member State the UK or Switzerland under EU Regulations and in accordance with Department of Health and Children Guidelines. Within these governing EU Regulations and the Department of Health and Children's Guidelines, the TAS provides for the cost of approved treatments in another EU/EEA member state or Switzerland through the issue of form E112 (IE).

A service user may apply at any time under the Treatment Abroad Scheme (TAS) with the support of their consultant and each application will be considered on its merits. Under the Treatment Abroad Scheme, it is the responsibility of the treating consultant to identify the public healthcare provider abroad. Furthermore, under the scheme, the referring consultant and service retain clinical responsibility for follow-up treatment arising from the treatment abroad.

If you have any queries regarding the Treatment Abroad Scheme (TAS), or would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact the National Contact Point (NCP) office on 056 77 84546.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'David Walsh', written in black ink.

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