



31st October 2024

Deputy Neasa Hourigan, TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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RE: PQ 42894/24

To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm that no health, clinical or social policy making, or implementation of policy, from his Department will be informed by the Cass Review while it remains under investigation by the British Medical Association; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Hourigan,

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) and the Gender Healthcare Programme on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

The Gender Healthcare Programme will develop an updated clinical model of care for gender healthcare services for the Irish population.

The initial work will involve carrying out an evidence-based review of current research. The existing and emerging evidence base, including international evidence on health outcomes and studies looking at the changes in demographics and clinical needs in those presenting to clinical services over the years, will be reviewed as part of this work

There is no requirement for the outcome of this work to be aligned with the approach of any particular organisation and the outcome will be informed and guided by the needs of people living in Ireland.

HSE is committed to building a service in Ireland for the Irish population that is 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

Anne Horgan
General Manager