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Mr. Paul Murphy T.D.
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question 46841/24 *“To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 485 of 24 September 2024, if the Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Drogheda's gender clinic can explain how cessation of GnRHa after only two years is adhering to the appropriate guidelines, given the guidelines advise to continue until gonadectomy. -Paul Murphy”*

Dear Deputy Murphy,

HSE Dublin and North East has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. Having reviewed the matter, the following outlines the position.

A consultant led endocrinology service for patient experiencing persistent gender incongruence is provided in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda which follows international standards of best practice, specifically guidelines provided by the (American) Endocrine Society 2017 and the guidelines provided by the (United Kingdom) Royal College of Psychiatrists in 2013.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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