

Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte Health Service Executive An Oifig Náisiúnta don Chuimsiú Sóisialta Rannóg Cúram Príomhúil Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte Lána an Mhuilinn Baile Phámar Baile Átha Cliath 20

2:01-620 1666

National Social Inclusion Office Primary Care Division Health Service Executive Mill Lane Palmerstown Dublin 20 **2: 01-620 1666**

21st February, 2018

Deputy Billy Kelleher Dáil Eireann Kildare Street Dublin 2.

PQ 6393/18

* To ask the Minister for Health the amount that has been allocated for gay mens health services in 2018; the way in which this budget will be spent; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Kelleher,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to your above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position:

The HSE Gay Men's Health Service (GMHS) is the only statutory Public Health Service in Ireland for Gay, Bisexual Men and Men who have Sex with Men (MSM).

The Annual Report 2016 <u>https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/5/sexhealth/gmhs/research/gmhs-annual-report-2016.pdf</u> provides a picture of the range of services, trends and associated health needs, and responses to these.

The GMHS is funded by HSE Community Health Organisation 6.

Core funding of €631,000 has been allocated towards this service for 2018. Details in respect of application of this funding are currently being finalised.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Smil

Diane Nurse National Lead: Social Inclusion