
DÁIL ÉIREANN

Motion re: Trans Healthcare

That Dáil Éireann –

recalls that:

- it is now a decade since the passage of the Gender Recognition Act 2015;

notes that:

- trans healthcare in Ireland is consistently ranked as the worst in Europe with over 2,000 people on a waiting list for healthcare
- stories from transgender people constantly highlight how Ireland's flawed healthcare system is not working with invasive and insensitive scrutiny from the current National Gender Service;
- the previous Programme for Government committed to a stronger model for trans healthcare in line with the WPATH international best practice guidelines, but the current Programme for Government has watered down those commitments to the point where they are meaningless;

recognises that:

- there is a need to change the current approach to transgender healthcare in Ireland;
- the HSE has initiated a new clinical programme for gender healthcare, is developing an updated clinical model and has established a Clinical Advisory Group;

calls for the Government to:

- provide a model of gender-affirming care in primary care settings with a focus on GP-led care, based on informed consent as per WPATH and WHO guidelines and international best practice;
- replace the National Gender Service with a new National Clinical Programme for Trans Healthcare in Ireland, with integrated care pathways recognising a key role for GPs and the major need for recruitment of specialists providing gender affirming care;
- ensure that the new National Clinical Programme is developed in consultation with transgender people, that the new clinical programme has specific responsibility and oversight for governance and training alongside ensuring transgender healthcare is based on informed patient consent, that there is comprehensive training for healthcare professionals in gender-affirming care, a comprehensive network of GP's providing that care in primary care community-based settings, appropriate resourcing of specialist gender affirming care and the expansion of gender affirming surgical services so that the majority of trans persons requiring surgery do not have to travel abroad;
- confirm a timeline for the introduction of the new clinical programme for trans healthcare;
- establish guidance and facilities to allow for trans healthcare for young people aged under 18;
- implement a ban on conversion therapies that is inclusive of trans identities and healthcare;

- implement the recommendations of the 2018 Government Review of the Gender Recognition Act 2015, including to allow for the recognition of non-binary people and simplified non-medicalised gender recognition for young people under 18;
 - ensure that the bodily autonomy of intersex children and adults is respected.
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