

**REPLY BY THE PRESIDENT OF
THE COMMITTEE FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE
TO QUESTIONS POSED BY DEPUTY BURFORD PURSUANT TO RULE 14 OF THE
RULES OF PROCEDURE**

- 1. Please advise what action, if any, HSC will be taking following the publication on 10 April 2024 of the [Cass Review](#)**

The 'Independent Review of Gender Identity Services for Children and Young People,' chaired by Dr Hilary Cass, was published on 10th April 2024 after nearly four years of work. It presents thorough findings set out over 388 pages and before being in a position to advise of any actions to be taken, the Committee *for* Health & Social Care, its clinicians and its officers require time to carefully consider the report and its recommendations in full. It will be of considerable interest to the Committee what the reaction of the NHS will be, which findings it accepts and any that may need further consideration in what is a relatively new area of understanding.

The Committee will await the establishment of new NHS specialist gender identity services prior to consideration of commissioning those services.

Date of receipt of questions: 10th April 2024

Date of response: 25th April 2024