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Thank-you for your letter regarding your constituent [REDACTED] and her concerns regarding Sandyford clinic. The points raised are regarding health and therefore my officials have suggested I respond.

Gender Identity Services are highly specialised and the services have seen an increase in demand in recent years that has resulted in longer waiting times. We are working with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde to examine and resolve this.

NHS National Services Scotland's National Services Division (NSD) commission and manage National Managed Clinical Networks (NMCNs) in Scotland with aim to foster improved standards and quality in healthcare.

These NMCNs include the National Gender Identity Clinical Network Scotland (NGICNS), a network of clinicians and others with an interest in the treatment and support to trans people and those distressed or concerned about their experience of their gender. My officials are part of this network and provide feedback to me regarding any concerns, I also meet with representatives from Sandyford clinic and do not agree the need to initiate any enquiry as this time.

As previously stated there are clear guidelines on the prescription of puberty blockers. Treatments can only be prescribed after a specialist assessment and decisions on the type of treatment to prescribe are for clinicians to make in discussion with their clients on an individual basis. If a young person and their family choose commencement of hormone blockers they are seen for regular follow-up for psychological review and support. Sandyford will keep a record of individual prescriptions however this will be part of a patients confidential information.

I trust this assures you and your constituent that I take these matters seriously.

Kind regards
Jeane

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