

Question on Notice

No. 39

Asked on 18 February 2025

MR M BERKMAN ASKED MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON T NICHOLLS)—

QUESTION

With reference to Health Service Directive QH-HSD-058, which relates to treatment of gender dysphoria in children— Will the Minister advise (a) what was the date, time, manner, and attendance of consultation undertaken in accordance with section 48 of the Hospital and Health Boards Act 2011, (b) what specific advice or recommendations did the Minister receive as a result of that consultation, (c) was the Minister advised by the chief executive or any HHS to immediately pause stage 1 and stage 2 hormone therapy to public patients under the age of 18 and (d) if so, by who?

ANSWER

a) Formal consultation was completed with all Hospital and Health Service Chief Executives on the morning of Tuesday 28 January 2025.

b) I did not participate in this formal consultation process, it was led by the Director-General. Therefore, I did not receive specific advice or recommendations as a result of this consultation.

c) and d) The decision was taken by Cabinet, and as such advice received as part of Cabinet's deliberative process remain subject to Cabinet-in-Confidence.