

Senator Katherine Zappone
Seanad Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2



**The Irish College of
General Practitioners**

17th February, 2015.

Coláiste Dhochtúirí
Teaghlaigh Éireann

Re: Definition of 'primary treating medical practitioner' in the Gender Recognition Bill 2014.

Dear Senator Zappone,

Please see attached correspondence from ICGP to Ms Joan Burton T.D requesting the addition of General Practitioner to the definition of "primary treating medical practitioner" in the Gender Recognition Bill 2014.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kieran Ryan'.

Kieran Ryan
CEO



Ms Joan Burton T.D

Tánaiste

Minister for Social Protection
Aras Mhic Dhiarmada,
Store Street,
Dublin 1.

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Dear Tánaiste,

The ICGP is aware that there are proposed amendments to this bill relating to the definition of "primary treating medical practitioner".

The ICGP would encourage you to add General Practitioner to the definition of "primary treating medical practitioner" for the purposes of Certification of an individual's gender transition. GPs are more than capable and qualified to fulfil the certification duties under this piece of legislation. GPs will most likely be familiar with the circumstances of the applicant and are well placed to verify an individual's medical transition. GPs are often the first point of contact for transgender people seeking healthcare and monitor the medical transition after transgender people have engaged in specialist services. This would be of great benefit to applicants as they are more likely to have had interactions and engagements with a GP in their local area.

We hope you can take the above position into consideration in the preparation of the Bill. Should you have any queries then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Kieran Ryan
CEO

CC : Senator Katherin Zappone
Minister Kevin Humphries T.D.