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Tánaiste and Minister Joan Burton
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RE: Gender Recognition Bill 2014

Dear Tánaiste

The Gender Recognition Bill 2014 currently defines the “primary treating medical practitioner” as a person’s “primary treating endocrinologist or psychiatrist” in relation to the application for a gender recognition certificate.

While gender dysphoria is rare, many people with gender dysphoria will have an on-going relationship with their General Practitioner who will often be in a position to certify that their patient has transitioned or is transitioning to their preferred gender and that the patient understands the consequences of their decision.

The Irish Medical Organisation (IMO) would thus support an amendment to the definition of “primary treating medical practitioner” to include a person’s general practitioner.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Trevor Duffy', is written over a white rectangular area.

Professor Trevor Duffy
President

CC: Senator Katharine Zappone

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