

**Question for written answer E-002509/2026
to the Commission**

Rule 144

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Subject: Scientific basis for the Commission's policy references to 'transgender youth' following its evasive reply to E-000395/2026

Question E-000395/2026¹ asked whether the Commission accepts the findings of recent independent evidence reviews concerning medical transition in minors, including the Cass Review in the United Kingdom.

The Commission's reply, submitted more than four months after the question was tabled and well after the normal deadline for written questions, did not address this issue. Instead, it referred to Member State competences in healthcare and to the principles of equality and non-discrimination.

However, the question did not concern the division of competences between the EU and the Member States. It concerned the scientific evidence on which the Commission relies when developing and implementing EU policies referring to 'transgender youth'.

1. Does the Commission accept, reject or partially accept the conclusions of the Cass Review regarding the evidential bases for puberty blockers and cross-sex hormones in minors?
2. If the Commission does not accept those conclusions, which specific systematic reviews, evidence assessments or clinical guidelines does it consider more authoritative?
3. Given the considerable delay in replying to E-000395/2026, can the Commission explain why it was unable to provide a direct answer to the scientific question originally asked, and when it intends to do so?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2026-000395_EN.html.