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18th February 2021 Deputy Mark Ward Dail Eireann, Dublin 2.

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To ask the Minister for Health the specific mental health services available to persons who do not have English as a first language; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Ward,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

All mental health services are available to persons who do not speak English as a first language.

The National HSE Social Inclusion Office supports various areas of translation and interpretation, resources include; a data base of registered translators in Ireland, multilingual resources and translated information and mobile health Apps.

https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/primarycare/socialinclusion/about-social-inclusion/translation-hub/

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further gueries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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