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Deputy Aengus Ó Snodaigh,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 12181/21 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of speech language therapists employed by the HSE who have Irish sign language; and if a list of the areas they work in will be provided. -Aengus Ó Snodaigh

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Dear Deputy Ó Snodaigh,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for response.

It is also worth noting that:

- ISL and SLT are not linked as services. It is not a requirement of employment except for therapists working in specialist hearing services
- Irish Sign Language Interpreters are offered to clients and their families, if and when required
- Lámh may be used in certain services, such as Intellectual Disability rather than Irish Sign Language.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deborah Smullen".

Deborah Smullen

pp. Jacqueline Nix, AND, HR Community Operations.

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CHO 1	No. of HSE SLT's who have Irish sign language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 SLT with Irish Sign Language working in SLT management and Community Neurological Rehabilitation in Donegal. • 1 SLT with Irish Sign Language working in Children's Disability Services in Donegal in the past five years. • 0 SLT with Irish Sign Language working in Sligo/ Leitrim and Cavan/ Monaghan
	No. of HSE SLT's who had Irish sign language in the past 5 years	
CHO 2	No. of HSE SLT's who have Irish sign language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 SLT with Irish Sign Language working in Galway • 5 SLT's with Irish Sign Language working in Mayo (1 in Westport, 1 in Castlebar, 1 in South Mayo, 2 in West Mayo) • 0 SLT with Irish Sign Language working in Roscommon
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CHO 3	No. of HSE SLT's who have Irish sign language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting clarification from CHO 3
	No. of HSE SLT's who had Irish sign language in the past 5 years	
CHO 4	No. of HSE SLT's who have Irish sign language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 SLT who have Irish Sign Language working in South Lee area. • 1 SLT with Irish Sign Language working in working in South Lee in the past 5 years
	No. of HSE SLT's who had Irish sign language in the past 5 years	
CHO 5	No. of HSE SLT's who have Irish sign language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 SLT's with Irish Sign Language working in CHO 5
	No. of HSE SLT's who had Irish sign language in the past 5 years	
CHO 6	No. of HSE SLT's who have Irish sign language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 SLT with Irish Sign Language working in Dublin South • 0 SLT s with Irish Sign Language working in Dublin South East who have/had ISL in past 5 years. • Awaiting clarification from Wicklow.
	No. of HSE SLT's who had Irish sign language in the past 5 years	
CHO 7	No. of HSE SLT's who have Irish sign language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 SLT s with Irish Sign Language working in CHO 7
	No. of HSE SLT's who had Irish sign language in the past 5 years	
CHO 8	No. of HSE SLT's who have Irish sign language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 SLT s with Irish Sign Language working in Longford / Westmeath, Louth and Meath • 2 SLT s with Irish Sign Language working in Laois / Offaly
	No. of HSE SLT's who had Irish sign language in the past 5 years	
CHO 9	No. of HSE SLT's who have Irish sign language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 SLT with Irish Sign Language working in NWD • 1 SLT with Irish Sign Language working in the last 5 years who had achieved basic ISL training
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