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Mr Ged Nash T.D.,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**Re: PQ - 13919/21**

**To ask the Minister for Health if CHO8 sought the assistance of the Defence Forces in supporting nursing homes in the region at any point in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Ged Nash**

Dear Deputy Nash,

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

I can confirm that assistance was provided by the Defence Forces in one of our Public Community Nursing Units in 2020. The assistance received was a Chef from the Defence Forces who worked in the Catering Department preparing meals over a 3 day period.

I trust the above is in order and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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Des O'Flynn  
Chief Officer  
Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation