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RE: PQ 36876/22

**To ask the Minister for Health when ultrasound general practitioner referrals will be returning to Nenagh Hospital. -Alan Kelly**

Dear Deputy Kelly,

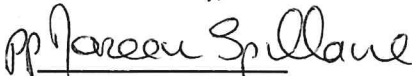
The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have been in contact with the relevant staff and I have been informed that there is a national shortage of ultrasonographers at present. UL Hospitals Group is making every effort to source an ultrasonographer for Nenagh Hospital in order to stand up GP referrals to this service.

UL Hospitals Group has commenced a training scheme for ultrasonographers within the Hospital Group to help address the shortage.

I trust this clarifies the position, please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely, -



**Prof Colette Cowan**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**UL Hospitals Group**