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Deputy Thomas Pringle,  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**Re: 25676/22**

**To ask the Minister for Health the steps that are being taken to recruit and retain a safe number of midwives specifically at Letterkenny University Hospital in order to allow for the full implementation of the National Maternity Strategy at the hospital, including the provision for home births which still represent an unmet demand in County Donegal. -Thomas Pringle**

Dear Deputy,

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

Letterkenny University have a rolling campaign on the hse.ie and the Saolta.ie. Website to capture any candidates that wish to apply for midwife positions

We have an overseas recruitment campaign ongoing through Saolta and have employed eight midwives from this campaign in 2022.

We offer an Enhanced Midwife contract to any eligible midwives that are recruited, and also to eligible existing midwives at LUH.

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

Yours Sincerely,



**Seán Murphy**  
**General Manager**  
**Letterkenny General Hospital**