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PQ 27639/22 To ask the Minister for Health if she has had any engagement with the Minister for Justice regarding International Garda clearance to allow refugees to take-up employment with homecare providers, to ensure that this process is simple and easy to access; if not, if she will consider same given the current recruitment and retention crisis in the homecare sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Claire Kerrane

Dear Deputy,

I refer to your recent parliamentary question which was sent to the HSE for response.

This response pertains to Garda Vetting and not international police clearance. The HSE is committed to supporting Ukrainians in working in healthcare in Ireland, in line with provisions of the Temporary Protection Directive. The HSE is currently reviewing the process by which Ukrainians can complete Garda Vetting while adhering to the HSE's legal requirements for all those who undertake certain work or activities relating to children or vulnerable adults. The HSE is considering what documentation a Ukrainian could reasonably provide to evidence their identity and a current address. When this review is complete the HSE will share any revised standards with the relevant employment agencies who may review their practices in line with HSE standards.

Yours sincerely,

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