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Deputy Pádraig Mac Lochlainn  
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**PQ ref 48971/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the measures and additional supports that the HSE is putting in place to assist general practitioner practices and others across County Donegal with supporting Ukrainian refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Mac Lochlainn,

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 examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The HSE is aware of the increased pressure on GPs and is working to establish sessional GP clinics for members of the Ukraine community placed in temporary accommodation in County Donegal. The HSE recently recruited Intercultural Staff to support members of the Ukraine community access health services, in particular those with prior history or long-term conditions. The Social Inclusion Service is available to support GPs to access HSE secondary care services for people with complex conditions. The HSE also provides GP practices in Donegal with free access to interpreting services.

In addition, the HSE is in discussion with local community organisations in relation to recruitment of refugee support workers to assist members of the Ukraine community. Similar to the Syrian refugee support worker, the role will include supporting people directly with accessing local services and supporting them to navigate local health and social care supports. Dr. Des McCauley is the IMO's GP nominated representative for Community Healthcare Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan, Sligo.

The following are the contact details of HSE personnel available to support the Ukraine community and to assist GP practices in Co. Donegal with supporting the Ukraine community.

Trish Garland	Social Inclusion Manager	087 797 6161	<a href="mailto:Patricia.Garland@hse.ie">Patricia.Garland@hse.ie</a>
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I trust that this is of assistance, but please do not hesitate to contact me if you require anything further.

Yours sincerely

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