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Mr David Cullinane TD  
Dail Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ 28753 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of employees at University Hospital Waterford who are trained to conduct sign language; if hospitals are required to have this service; if this service is not available, the reason; when it will be available; and if she will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Cullinane

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.

University Hospital Waterford currently does not have a Sign Language Service available through UHW, as staff are not currently trained. When Irish Sign Language (ISL) interpretation services are required and the hospital is aware, we reach out to third party interpreter services

I trust the above is satisfactory but if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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