

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 22nd OCTOBER 2019**

**Question**

Further to the response to Written Question 285/2019, will the Minister provide an update on the services and staff his Department provides to support deaf people?

**Answer**

The answer to Written Question 285 (tabled on 2 July) provides a full breakdown of the services provided to Islanders that are deaf or who have hearing loss.

Since then, the Minister and officers have attended a meeting with the deaf community and their representatives to share the findings of research around an assessment of need and to consider proposals for next steps. The meeting was well attended and supported by technology and interpreters.

The advert for the dDeaf Community Liaison Officer is now live (see link below), with a closing date of 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Interviews will be taking place jointly with members of the dDeaf charities.

<https://www.gov.je/Working/JobCareerAdvice/Pages/JobDetails.aspx?JobID=74943&JobTypeID=19>

The Minister and his department are committed to working closely with the deaf community.