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Deputy Denis Naughten,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare St.,  
Dublin 2.

**RE: PQ 40705/24 – ‘To ask the Minister for Health the number and location of laboratories within the HSE West and North West Health Regions operating genomics services for patients; the number of WTE and grades in each location; the corresponding number of vacancies; and if he will make a statement on the matter.’**

Dear Deputy Naughten,

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:

Galway University Hospitals have approval for a 1 WTE Consultant and 1 WTE Counsellor in Genetics, however, these posts have not yet been filled.

In relation to the other hospital sites in the West and North West Health Region, Genomic testing is not performed in the Laboratories. Requests (if any) for such tests are outsourced to an external provider, as required.

I hope this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

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