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**Deputy David Stanton, T.D.  
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**Dear Deputy**

The Health Service Executive (HSE) – South (Cork & Kerry) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this Department for response.

**PQ – To ask the Minister for Health & Children the number and location of public dental clinics in Cork where young persons with a disability can receive dental treatment under general anaesthetic; the services on offer in each of these clinics; the average number of appointments or persons treated per annum at each of the clinics and the waiting lists for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter.**

There are currently two special needs GA services provided to clients with a disability in Cork University Dental School & Hospital. One of these services is for children under 16 years of age and one for adults over 16 years of age.

The service provides comprehensive care under general anaesthesia i.e. whatever treatment is required to ensure that a patient is dentally fit at the end of the procedure and usually comprises a combination of cleaning, fillings and extractions. Treatment is completed at one appointment if possible and owing to the large amount of treatment required by this patient group the GA cases are usually very lengthy, allowing only between one and two cases to be treated at each session.

The average number of patients treated per annum through the adult services was 21 and there are currently 117 patients on the waiting list.

The average number of patients treated per annum through the childrens' services was 110 and there are currently 69 children on the waiting list.

I trust this clarifies the position.

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