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Thomas Byrne TD,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ ref 21333/18: To ask the Minister for Health if the dental clinic in Duleek, County Meath will remain open in the coming year.

Dear Deputy Byrne,

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 outline the position as follows.

Duleek Dental Clinic is currently open three days per week, with a dentist 2 days per week and a hygienist one day. The plan for Duleek is to transfer the service to the new purpose-built, state-of-the art, 5-surgery, dental unit in the Boyne Centre, Drogheda.

This unit, which opened in May 2018, adheres to all in best practice, from an infection control, health and safety and risk perspective.

This move is currently in the planning stage, with no definitive time line, there are a lot of variables to contend with, including the recruitment of an additional dental team to improve access to services for Duleek patients.

Service users will be advised in advance of any changes.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Pat Bennett

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