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Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
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RE: PQ ref 34104/19, 34118/19, 34132/19, 34146/19 and 34160/19

PQ 34104/19

"To ask the Minister for Health the waiting lists to be seen by a dentist at the Carrigaline primary care centre by waiting times of 3, 6, 9, 12, 18 and 24 months, respectively".

PQ 34118/19

"To ask the Minister for Health the waiting lists to be seen by a dentist at the Blackrock primary care centre by waiting times of 3, 6, 9, 12, 18 and 24 months, respectively."

PQ34132/19

"To ask the Minister for Health the waiting lists to be seen by a dentist in the Ballyphehane Togher area by waiting times of 3, 6, 9, 12, 18 and 24 months, respectively"

PQ 34146/19

"To ask the Minister for Health the waiting lists to be seen by a dentist in the Bishopstown Wilton area by waiting times of 3, 6, 9, 12, 18 and 24 months, respectively."

PQ 34160/19

"To ask the Minister for Health the waiting lists to be seen by a dentist in the Douglas area by waiting times of 3, 6, 9, 12, 18 and 24 months, respectively."

Dear Deputy Ó Laoghaire,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The Primary Care Dental services team provides Dental treatment services to eligible children, medical card holders, children and adults with special needs clients and others in the care of the HSE at various locations throughout Co. Cork. Children under 16 years of age are treated in HSE dental clinics and adults are treated by private dental practitioners contracted to the Health Services under the Dental Treatment Services Scheme (DTSS). The HSE Primary Care Dental Service provides a school screening dental service which targets pupils in 6th and 2nd classes.

Set out hereunder are the numbers on the waiting lists to be seen by a dentist in the following areas

Numbers Waiting	3-6mths	6-9mths	9-12mths	12-18mths	18-24mths
Togher/Ballyphehane					
Douglas (St Finbarr's Hospital)	310				
Blackrock PCC	406	100			
Bishopstown/Wilton					
Carrigaline PCC	216				

You will note from the above that no one is waiting over 6 months in the area and that over 90% of those waiting are waiting less than 6 months.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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