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Deputy Gerry Adams
Dáil Eireann,
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Dublin 2.

RE PQ 18933/19: To ask the Minister for Health the level of funding attributed to the school dental assessment programme in County Louth in each year since it commenced.

Dear Deputy Adams,

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.

The Louth Meath dental service provides oral health care to priority target groups including children under the age of 16 and adults with special care needs. HSE dental staff are responsible for delivering a wide variety of primary care oral health services to the eligible population and this would include the range of dental services delivered via the school dental programme. The Service also provides an emergency dental service to the eligible population, services to special care children and adults, general anaesthetic and sedation services to children and adults and oral health promotion services amongst others.

There is no specific budgetary provision for the school dental assessment programme. Funding is allocated for the Primary Care Dental Service. Due to the nature of the service and the wide variety of services provided, it is not possible to specify funding allocated to the school dental assessment programme.

The requested information on the level of funding attributed to the Dental Service in Louth since the school dental assessment programme is not available.

The current overall budget for 2019 for all of Louth Dental Services is €1.399m.

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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Midlands Louth Meath CHO