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**Deputy Noel Grealish  
Dáil Eireann  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2**

**PQ 43631/20: To ask the Minister for Health if there is an appeals process under the HSE orthodontic treatment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Grealish

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

Following consultation with the Regional Orthodontic Unit in Merlin Park, Galway, below outlines the current appeals process following assessment for HSE orthodontic treatment;

A second opinion is offered in the Orthodontic Unit, first by different clinician (Consultant Orthodontist/ Specialist Orthodontist), and if the patient is still unhappy a third opinion is then offered in a different Orthodontic Unit.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but if you require further clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joe Green', positioned above a horizontal line.

**Joseph Green  
AND, National Oral Health Lead - Operations**