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**Mr Jackie Cahill, T.D**  
**Constituency Office**  
**8, Parnell Street,**  
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**Co. Tipperary**

**Re: PQ Ref 14224/20 – Plans for Restarting Dental Services, St Mary's Hospital, Thurles, Co Tipperary.**

Dear Deputy Cahill,


I refer to your Parliamentary Question in relation to the above *“To ask the Minister for Health his plans for when children's dental services will be restored to St. Mary's Hospital, Thurles, County Tipperary after being relocated to Nenagh Hospital, Nenagh, County Tipperary and if he will make a statement on the matter.”*

I am engaging with our Principal Dental Surgeon and Primary Care Business Manager with regard to the work to be undertaken for the recommencement of the Dental Services in Thurles. Dental Services involve very close contact with the patients and the recommencement of services is more complex, as some services provided are aerosol generating procedures and require additional precautions to be in place. It is planned that there will be a phased resumption of services in Thurles, commencing in September 2020.

In the meantime, an emergency Dental Service is being provided in Nenagh for the North Tipperary area.

I trust this information addresses the issues raised in our representation.

**Yours sincerely,**



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