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Mr. Sean Fleming T.D.,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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Re: Parliamentary Question – 5945/20

To ask the Minister for Health the locations urgent dental services can be availed of in counties Laois and Offaly in view of the fact that private dentists are not working; the facilities available for dental work in hospitals in the counties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Sean Fleming

Dear Deputy Fleming,

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 in below table format.

The Public Dental Service is currently providing an emergency dental service at the Portlaoise dental clinic. The service is open Monday - Friday.

The public dental service in pre-Covid times would have had access to theatre space, one session a week, at the Tullamore Regional hospital. Currently all non essential surgical procedures and outpatient appointments have been postponed at the Tullamore Hospital including dental procedures/appointments. An update is awaited from the hospital management team.

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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