

Oifig an tUas. Sarah McBride, Príomhoifigeach, Eagraíocht Cúram Sláinte Pobail, Lár Tíre, An Lú, An Mhí Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte, Oifig Cheantair, Bóthar Ardáin, An Tulach Mhór, Co. Uíbh Fhailí.

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17th November, 2020

Mr. Ruairí Ó Murchú T.D., Dáil Eireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question - 34284/20

To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to enable HSE dentists, dental nurses and orthodontists redeployed in the CHO8 to return to their jobs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Ruairí Ó Murchú

Dear Deputy Ó Murchú,

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 response as follows.

The Midlands Louth/Meath Dental/Orthodontic Service is currently planning to reopen clinics throughout the Midlands and Louth and Meath areas. Redeployed staff are gradually returning to their core duties as community swabbers are recruited and this will enable a gradual resumption of services.

The Dental/Orthodontic Services are following the Midlands Louth Meath plan for reopening of clinics and their own service Return to Work Plan to ensure that the buildings are safe for patients and staff and this may take a number of weeks.

I trust the above is in order and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah McBride

Chief Officer CHO Area 8