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Deputy Michael McNamara
Leinster House
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Re: PQ36239/20 Dental Surgeries

Dear Deputy McNamara,

I refer to your Parliamentary Question in relation to the above *“To ask the Minister for Health the number of dental surgeries carried out; the number of dental surgeries cancelled; the current dental surgery waiting list at Ennis General Hospital from the period of March to October 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter”*.


I can confirm that pre-Covid, the Dental Service had access to one General Anaesthetic session every two weeks at University Hospital Limerick, Ennis and approximately, 10 patients were accommodated at each of these sessions. The General Anaesthetic list for Dental Services was paused due to Covid 19 from the 12th March, 2020 and has not yet recommenced.

Up to the end of October, 2020, there were 198 patients waiting for Dental Services under General Anaesthetic at University Hospital Limerick, Ennis.

It is proposed that the General Anaesthetic Dental list at University Hospital Limerick, Ennis, will commence subject to low Covid levels in January, 2021.

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

Yours sincerely,


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