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**Deputy David Cullinane
Dáil Eireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2**

PQ 38354/20: To ask the Minister for Health if there has been a reduction in dental services to under 16s as a result of the withdrawal of dentists from relevant schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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.

Adult medical card holders have access to dental services under the Dental Treatment Services Scheme through care provided by private dentists that hold DTSS contracts with the HSE.

Almost one million children aged up to and including 15 years are eligible for HSE Dental Services. I wish to advise the Deputy that services to under 16s have not been directly impacted as a result of the withdrawal of dentists from relevant schemes.

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**