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Deputy Doherty,  
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***PQ 39395/20***

***To ask the Minister for Health if emergency dental treatment is available at the dental department, Letterkenny University Hospital, County Donegal for cancer patients undergoing cancer treatment; if so, the process in place to access such treatment; the time frames involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Pearse Doherty***

Dear Deputy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question/Public Representation which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Dental Department at St. Conal's Hospital, Letterkenny provides emergency dental treatment to patients undergoing cancer treatment at Letterkenny University Hospital.

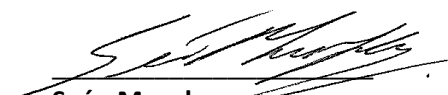
Referrals for emergency dental care from the Oncology/Haematology Departments to the Dental Department are dealt with on the day of the referral or within 24 hours.

Referrals from General Medical practitioners to the Dental Department for emergency dental care for cancer patients are dealt with within 24 hours.

The Dental Department in St. Conal's hospital, Letterkenny does not maintain a waiting list for cancer patients awaiting emergency dental care.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours Sincerely,



**Seán Murphy**  
**General Manager**  
**Letterkenny General Hospital**