



19 October 2020

Deputy David Cullinane
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Leinster House
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PQ 28170/20: To ask the Minister for Health the number of appointments attended in HSE primary care dental services nationally for the period from 4 March 2019 to 31 May 2019 and from 2 March 2020 to 29 May 2020, in tabular form; 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.

Access to dental services was restricted to urgent /emergency treatment under the terms of Statutory Instrument 121/2020 (28th March 2020 -18th May 2020). An emergency dental service was maintained in all HSE service areas throughout this time, which included remote consultation through telephone triage as well as clinical attendance for treatment. Data is not readily available for the dates requested but is available for the period from 22/3/2019 to 31/05/2019 and from 20/03/2020 to 29/05/2020.

2019	TOTAL NUMBER OF EXAMINATIONS	TARGETED ASSESSMENTS a subset of the total number of examinations
Week Ending March 22nd	3128	1617
Week Ending March 29th	4275	2181
Week Ending April 6th	4795	2461
Week Ending April 12th	4820	2609
Week Ending April 19th	3531	1879
Week Ending April 26th	2837	1322
Week Ending May 5th*	4711	2339
Week Ending May 10th	3786	1898
Week Ending May 17th	4630	2482
Week Ending May 24th	4998	2767
Week Ending May 31st	4413	2404
TOTALS	45,924	23,959

2020	TOTAL NUMBER OF EXAMINATIONS	TARGETED ASSESSMENTS a subset of the total number of examinations
Week end 20/03/20	420	114
Week end 27/03	341	68
Week end 03/04 *	167	11
Week end 10/03 *	166	1
Week end 17/04	231	45
Week end 25/04	293	87
Week end 01/05	309	79
Week end 08/05 *	222	0
Week end 15/05	265	8
Week end 22/05	316	2
Week end 29/05	431	4
TOTALS	3,161	419

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but if you require further clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,



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