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“To ask the Minister for Health if persons waiting for over two years for orthodontic treatment as is the case in Cork city and county can apply for this treatment under the Treatment Purchase Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Burke,

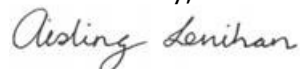
The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The National Treatment Purchase Fund (NTPF) works with public hospitals to offer and provide the funding for treatment to clinically suitable long waiting patients who are on an inpatient/day case waiting list for surgery, having been referred on to such list by a clinical consultant.

The National Oral Health Office (NOHO) made a submission to the NTPF last year asking if orthodontic patients on long waiting lists would be eligible for NTP funding. The submission was rejected as only patients in the Acute Service (hospital) waiting lists are eligible for NTP funding. Cork Kerry Community Healthcare are currently working with the National Oral Health office around a new wait list initiative for a particular priority group waiting over 4 years for orthodontic treatment in Cork and Kerry and it is envisaged that this initiative will commence by Q3 2021.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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