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Seán Canney St. David's The Mall Tuam County Galway

## PQ 54296/21

To ask the Minister for Health the dental services in County Galway that are currently taking on new medical card patients; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that many pensioners in County Galway are reporting difficulty in accessing dental services through the medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Canney,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Unfortunately as a result of backlogs, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the HSE Cyber Attack, there is currently a backlog on patients seeking dental services in the existing practices in Galway.

I wish to advise you that the HSE are fully committed to working towards resolving delays in the provision of dental services for our service users.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Mary Warde

**Head of Primary Care** 

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