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To ask the Minister for Health the reason the paediatric dental clinic in Mountbellew, County Galway is not operational; when it is expected it will re-open; the location in which children who would attend that clinic will now be seen; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Naughten,

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.

This post became vacant in 2020 due to a retirement and I can confirm that the HSE is currently in the process of recruiting a Dentist for the Mountbellew area. Once recruitment is complete, the service will re-commence in Mountbellew. In the interim, these children are currently being offered appointments in Tuam and Ballinasloe.

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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