

1st December, 2021

Mr Brian Stanley T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question – 58320/21

To ask the Minister for Health if patients in County Laois who require orthodontic treatment will have to travel to a clinic in Athlone from December 2021. -Brian Stanley

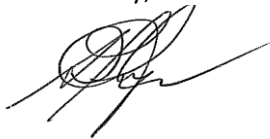
Dear Deputy Stanley

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. In preparing this response your Parliamentary Question has been discussed with the relevant Managers. I have examined the matter and I outline the position as follows.

I can confirm the Orthodontic Department in the CHO8 area is centralised. All Service Users placed on the Orthodontic Waiting list are called for treatment as per the highest clinical need. While every effort is made to ensure Service Users attend clinics geography closest to the home address, we must ensure Service Users are offered treatment in the next available clinic requesting new patients. Therefore Service users may be offered an appointment which requires them to travel to another clinic.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,



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Chief Officer
Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation