



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte  
Health Service Executive



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**Denis Naughten, T.D.,**  
Dail Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Dublin 2

**RE: PQ42504/21: To ask the Minister for Health the reason dental extractions for children who require a general anaesthetic cannot be carried out at Roscommon or Portlincula Hospitals; if there plans are in place to review this situation; 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/Public Representation which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

I wish to advise that Portlincula University Hospital continue to undertake Paediatric dental surgery lists.

Paediatric dental surgery under general anaesthetic is not currently carried out in Roscommon University Hospital due to a lack of qualified Pediatric nursing staff. The Saolta University Health Care Group are currently in discussions with Community Healthcare West to put in place arrangements to restore a full service in Roscommon University Hospital for children requiring dental surgery.

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

Yours sincerely,

**Ann Cosgrove,**  
Chief Operations Officer,  
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