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**PQ 43362/21 & PQ 44564/21**

**To ask the Minister for Health if pre-employment checks have been completed and if a start date has been agreed for a vacant dentist position for the school dentistry service based in Tuam, County Galway; 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.

I wish to advise you that unfortunately, there was no interest expressed from existing panels when the post was offered to panel. We are looking at other pathways to fill the temporary vacancies in Tuam. We continue to provide an emergency service to all school age children from the Tuam in the interim.

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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