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Deputy Imelda Munster Dáil Éireann Leinster House Dublin 1

Re: PQ - 45519/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on the waiting lists in counties Louth and Meath for dental appointments by local area in tabular form – Imelda Munster

Dear Deputy Munster

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Representation, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. The number of children currently on waiting lists for dental appointments in Louth and Meath are as follows:

| | Louth | Meath |
|--|-------|-------|
| 6th class 2019/2020 | 25 | 1,650 |
| 6th class 2020/2021 | 1701 | 2934 |
| Hygienist waitlist | 156 | 965 |
| Paediatric GA list (Joint Louth Meath list) | 231 | |
| Paediatric Special Care | 29 | 13 |

Each year waiting lists are generated as new class cohorts are targeted and patient details are returned from schools. Each class cohort has approximately 3000 children in Meath and 2500 in Louth, this gives an approximation of the numbers expected in the 6th class cohort 2021/2022.

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,

Des O'Flynn Chief Officer Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation