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Deputy Denis Naughten Unit 3 Golf Links Road Roscommon Co. Roscommon F42 YX65

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To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question 522 of 16 November 2021, if routine appointments are taking place in Tuam or Ballinasloe as a result of the Mountbellew closure; if only emergency dental care is available; when this situation will be addressed; 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.

Patients who contact the dental service due to pain, sepsis or trauma are offered an emergency appointment in a HSE Dental clinic with an emergency service on a particular day, however this location may not always be in Tuam or Ballinasloe.

Once pre-employment checks are complete and the successful candidate is in post, services will re-commence in Mountbellew.

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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