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“To ask the Minister for Health the number of children with additional needs in CHO7 who have had to travel outside of the CHO7 for dental care for each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter”

Deputy Chris Andrews

Dear Deputy Andrews,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to the above referenced Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for a response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Health Service Executive can confirm that the information requested is not available from the Dublin South, Kildare & West Wicklow Community Healthcare Dental service as this information is not collected in this manner. There is no definition of children with 'additional needs' in the Dental Service, and travelling out of CHO7 can be a normal part of accessing care depending on what type of care is required (e.g. secondary or tertiary care). In addition many patients travel outside of CHO7 for care to access private oral care providers.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but if you have any queries or require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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