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**PQ 49120/22**

**To ask the Minister for Health when a whole-time orthodontic specialist will be in place of the current 0.6 whole-time equivalent be appointed to orthodontic services in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

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**PQ 49121/22**

**To ask the Minister for Health the status of the current vacant full-time orthodontic consultant post in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Murphy,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which were submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

*I have reviewed the matter and the following outlines the current position.*

Currently the 0.6 whole time equivalent (WTE) Orthodontic Specialist is the approved funding for the Wexford area. There is no additional funding provided for an increased WTE.

There are 2 Consultant Orthodontist posts in South East Community Healthcare, which includes Co. Wexford. Currently 1 WTE is filled and all options for filling the 2<sup>nd</sup> post are being progressed. Unfortunately, to date, the HSE have received no applicants for recent advertisements. The existing Consultant Orthodontist continues to cover the needs of the service users across the region including Co. Wexford.

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

Yours sincerely,

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