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**PQ REF 43461/22 - "To ask the Minister for Health the details of the waiting lists for children in the Dublin 9 and Dublin 11 region to have a dental examination; and if he will make a statement on the matter"**

Dear Deputy Pringle,

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

Each year the Dental Team which covers the Dublin 9 and Dublin 11 regions have approximately 14,000 target children from 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class in National Schools. In the academic year 2021/2022 the Dental Team targeted only 6<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Classes and expect to offer all children in this cohort a screening appointment before the end of October 2022.

Until recently, it had not been the practice of the dental services to keep records of waiting lists for the school children in target classes. However, the National Oral Health Office has requested that from the school year 2022/2023 onwards, all children waiting for a screening appointment are put onto a valid waiting list. This new list will ensure that all children in targeted classes receive an appointment going forward.

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

Yours sincerely

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