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PQ 47121/22 - *“To ask the Minister for Health the steps that are being taken to reduce the waiting list of 900-plus grade 5 patients who are awaiting orthodontic treatment in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter” Sean Haughey TD*

Dear Deputy Haughey,

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.

The Service has four Specialist Orthodontists working at full capacity with over 1000 patients in active treatment. There are on-going challenges with recruitment and retention of Specialist Orthodontists. A recruitment panel is now in place. It is anticipated that two Specialist Orthodontists will be recruited within the next two to three months. Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City & County (CHO DNCC) is also progressing the appointment of a Consultant Orthodontist for the region. The appointment of these clinicians is expected to have an immediate impact on the Grade 5 Waiting List.

In addition, the service is currently piloting an out-of-hours initiative to provide orthodontic treatment for children who are at the 'Growth Dependent' stage (Grade 5A and 4F). Provision of orthodontic treatment at the 'Growth Dependent' stage reduces the requirement for more complex procedures in latter teenage years. Funding has recently been allocated from the National Orthodontic Waiting List Initiative which will enable the further growth of this project in 2022/2023.

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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