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Mr. Brian Stanley T.D., Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2

Re: Parliamentary Question - 7742/23

To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made in putting in place the dental treatment services scheme in County Offaly. -Brian Stanley

Dear Deputy Stanley,

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 I outline the position as follows;

There are seven Dentists and one Dental Technician registered with the DTSS for medical card patients in Co Offaly. One dentist is retiring from the scheme at the end of March 2023. There have been no new entries to the DTSS scheme since the increase in payments in May 2022.

Emergency treatment of medical card adults in Public Dental Clinics are available in Co. Offaly. The telephone number for Tullamore clinic is 057 9359640 - emergency appointments can be arranged from this number.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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