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Deputy Jackie Cahill
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PQ 3893/23: To ask the Minister for Health what options are available to children who have been refused free orthodontic treatment from the HSE; if there is an appeals process or an option to seek a second opinion; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cahill,

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

Below outlines the current appeals process following assessment for HSE orthodontic treatment;

A second opinion is offered in the Orthodontic Unit, first by a different clinician (Consultant Orthodontist/ Specialist Orthodontist), and if the patient and/or parent is still unhappy a third opinion is then offered in a different Orthodontic Unit.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but if you require further clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

Joseph Green
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