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Deputy Joan Collins,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2.

PQ ref 32426/23 – *“To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to restore walk-in dentistry services within primary care settings in CHO7.”*

Dear Deputy Collins,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for a response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Health Service Executive can confirm there are no plans to operate the HSE Dental Services whereby patients walk in for services without appointments. The current system whereby patients are appointed following triage allows for the most efficient use of clinical time, especially during times when clinical resources are very scarce. Exceptions do exist for patients who present with emergency situations, for example severe dental trauma. Such patients are triaged and managed as clinically appropriate.

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

Yours sincerely,

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