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To ask the Minister for Health the reason no person has had access to the orthodontic dental school and hospital at Cork University since March 2023; the reason patients are being told that this practice will continue indefinitely; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Buckley

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.

Work is being undertaken to resume the service as soon as possible. It is anticipated that improved arrangements will be implemented and dental operations under general anaesthetic will resume in August.

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,


Mr. David Donegan
Chief Executive Officer