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**Deputy Alan Farrell
Dáil Eireann
Leinster House
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PQ 25177/23: To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm whether the HSE has written to all schools to advise which primary care centre for dental services their school has been attached to; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Farrell,

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.

The HSE Dental Service provides targeted dental examination services to children of school going ages using school classes as an organisational tool. In many dental areas, as part of the service organisation, schools may be associated with a specific dental clinic.

Dental services are offered to patients on an individual basis and depending on resources may be offered at alternative locations. The HSE does not write to the schools advising them of an attachment to specific dental clinic as this may change due to location and staffing availabilities.

Emergency dental care is provided at a range of dental locations which is organised on the basis of staff availability. Any enquiries regarding service provision should be directed to the local clinic who can assist in managing the query.

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

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dr Anne M O'Neill". The signature is written in a cursive style and is contained within a light blue rectangular box.

**Dr Anne M O'Neill,
HSE AND, National Oral Health Lead - Operations**