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Deputy Paul Donnelly, TD,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2

Re Ref: PQ 28024/23

To ask the Minister for Health the current wait time for an orthodontic procedure at the Dublin Dental Hospital.

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

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 and Children for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Orthodontic services at the Dublin Dental Hospital are provided based on the educational requirements of the Undergraduate and Postgraduate Dental Students as laid out by the Dental Council and Irish Committee for Specialist Training in Dentistry. Waiting times are determined by student need, rather than patient demand.

Each academic year, approximately 48 new patient cases are taken on for Undergraduate Dental Students and approximately 20 cases per year for Postgraduate Students.

Orthodontics Waiting list in Dublin Dental University Hospital 1 September 2023:

- Referrals awaiting Screening: 9
- Patients Accepted cases for Undergraduate level: 0
- Patients Accepted cases for Postgraduate level: 7
- Patients on recall: 34

Outside of the Dublin Dental University Hospital, HSE Orthodontic Services are provided to the eligible general population in the regional Orthodontic Units in each Community Healthcare Organisation.



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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sinead Kennedy'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Sinead Kennedy,
A/Head of Service, Primary Care