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To ask the Minister for Health the reason the dental hospital theatre list at CUH was suspended on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2023, he reasons that caused the suspension have now been resolved to the extent that another suspension will not occur; if children and adults on the waiting list will be fast tracked for treatment; if so what plan is in place; if students training for oral surgery and dental nurses will be provided with supports to quality and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**Dear Deputy McGuinness** 

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.

CUHG is completely committed to ensuring that all patients requiring access to surgery does so in a timely manner. In relation to the specific provision of Oral Surgery, CUHG has worked with its partners in Cork Kerry Community and University College Cork and has restored the provision of Oral Surgery in recent weeks. CUH will endeavour to have the patients treated in a timely manner.

CUHG would like to apologies to any patient that has been waiting for surgical access.

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.

Chief Executive Officer