



24th April 2024

Deputy Brian Stanley
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

Re PQ 15964/24 – To ask the Minister for Health the waiting list for the HSE school dental screening service for CHO8, by county and by school year: and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Stanley

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 outlined the position as follows.

Please see below for 6th class children in Counties Louth, Meath, Laois, Offaly, Longford and Westmeath. These children are currently being seen when they are in 2nd or 3rd year in secondary school.

	Louth	Meath	Laois	Offaly	Longford	Westmeath
School Year	Total Numbers Waiting	Total Numbers Waiting	Total Numbers Waiting	Total Numbers Waiting	Total Numbers Waiting	Total Numbers Waiting
2019-2020	0	0	893	0	0	0
2020-2021	0	31	1717	214	0	0
2021-2022	672	785	1541	1141	0	0
2022-2023	2,328	2,174	1504	933	89	352
2023-2024	2,899	2,614	1402	1100	618	1297

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,



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