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Deputy John Brady  
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To ask the Minister for Health when children who are currently in 6th class in primary schools in County Wicklow CHO6 and CHO7 will receive an appointment for the school age HSE dental service in County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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Dear Deputy Brady,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for a response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Health Service Executive can confirm that it is not possible to provide a reply that is specific to the national schools in West Wicklow as the Dental Service operates across Dublin South, Kildare and West Wicklow. It is estimated that the school dental programme is running approximately 18 months behind in targeting sixth class school children for assessments in the national schools in West Wicklow. The Dental Service strives to target as many children as possible within available resources, however the service is experiencing difficulties in retaining and recruiting clinical dental staff.

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

**Yours sincerely,**

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