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Mr Robert O' Donoghue TD,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ 36431/25 – *“To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in Fingal west who attended a HSE dentist in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter” - Robert O' Donoghue TD.*

Dear Deputy O'Donoghue,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Integrated Health Areas (IHA) Dublin North County and Dublin North City & West Primary Care Dental department provides both targeted and non-targeted services to children up to the age of 16 and adults with special care requirements. Targeted services include the schools program, (currently screening 2nd and 6th children), special care children (those with an intellectual disability and medically compromised patients) and special care adults (those with an intellectual disability). Non-targeted services would include the emergency service that provides pain relief and subsequent treatment for that issue to eligible patients.

Integrated Health Areas (IHA) Dublin North County and Dublin North City & West Primary Care Dental team have advised that data for Fingal West would not be available as it is collated over the Integrated Health Area of Dublin North County. Using the Key Performance Indicator data from 2020, the following numbers can be provided:

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	Total 2020	Total 2021	Total 2022	Total 2023	Total 2024	Total YTD May 2025
Unscheduled Assessments under 16	2,871.0	2,999.0	2,816.0	2,891.0	3,020.0	1,104.0
Unscheduled Assessments over 16	96.0	131.0	346.0	267.0	102.0	71.0
Total no. of new oral health patients in target groups attending for scheduled assessment	2,456.0	2,828.0	4,562.0	5,863.0	6,962.0	2,977.0
Total Attending the service	5,423	5,958	7,724	9,021	10,084	4,152

Please note that this data does not include all patients including referrals from the orthodontic department for extractions as part of a treatment plan as it is not part of the KPI data.

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,

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