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Deputy John Clendennen
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

Re: PQ 39695/25

To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that are awaiting an appointment with a public health dentist at each Health Service Executive dental clinic in Offaly; the duration of these wait times; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Clendennen

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.

The HSE dental service in Co Offaly is currently calling children who were in 6th class in 2021/22, these children are now leaving 3rd year in secondary school. As the dental service is not half way through the 2021/22 year of children waiting to be seen, the children from 2022/23 may be waiting up to one year to be seen for their 6th class examination. The table below is a count of the number of children who have yet to receive their 6th class examination. The year noted is the year the children were in 6th class.

School year as of July 2025	Number of children remaining to be called	Estimated waiting time
2021/22	840	1 year
2022/2023	933	2 years
2023/2024	1100	3 years
2024/2025	1026	4 years
TOTAL	3899	

I trust this information is of assistance to you but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.



Yours sincerely,

Joseph Ruane
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