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Pearse Doherty T.D. Dáil Éireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2

Re:

**PQ 40356 25** "To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting dental appointments in Donegal, broken down by area and by length of time, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter."

**Dear Deputy Doherty** 

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 for Integrated Heathcare Area Donegal.

School Dental Inspection (SDI)

Location	Awaiting SDI	Length of Wait Time	Awaiting Dental Treatment	Length of Wait Time
Ballyshannon	0	0	27	2-4 months
Donegal Town	128	4-12 months	50	4-12 months
Dungloe	52	Up to 12 months	167	Up to 12 months
Glenties	13	2-3 months	9	2-3 months
Falcarragh	17	1-2 months	35	2-3 months
Lifford (attend Letterkenny)	180	6 months	0	0
Letterkenny clinic 2	36	2-3 months	20	3-5 months
Letterkenny clinic 3	111	3-5 months	56	6 months
Letterkenny clinic 5	54	3-6 months	44	3-6 months
Letterkenny clinic 6	180	6mths	0	0
Buncrana clinic 1	494	12 months	0	0
Carndonagh	0	0	35	2-3 months

Donegal Dental Serices are fully committed to providing dental care to all eligible patients, however it is important to note that the service must be delivered within the resource allocation and funding available, with the level of activity and associated costs being managed in a way that ensures people with the greatest need are supported within the overall expenditure of the delivery of services while not exceeding the available funding allocated.



I trust that this is of assistance, but please do not hesitate to contact me if you require anything further.

Yours sincerely

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