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6th October, 2025.

Deputy Rose Conway-Walsh T.D.,
Leinster House,
Kildare St.,
Dublin 2.

RE: PQ 50315/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE orthodontists posts filled within Mayo dental services in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Conway-Walsh,

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:

All Orthodontic services for County Mayo are provided by our team in Merlin Park University Hospital, Galway.

The Orthodontic team at Merlin Park (which serves counties Galway, Mayo and Roscommon) comprises of 3 Orthodontic Consultants and 3 Specialist Orthodontists, plus a locum Consultant Orthodontist who works two days per week.

Currently all Mayo patients referred to us are seen at Merlin Park for initial assessment. If they are deemed eligible for treatment, they are then placed on our treatment waiting list.

We can confirm that there have been no Consultant Orthodontists appointed in the years 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025.

I hope this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

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