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**Deputy Stephen S. Donnelly**  
Dáil Eireann  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

**Re: PQ 45524/19**

**Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for an oral health in primary care at the end of October 2019 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively in tabular form**

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred by the Minister for Health to the Health Service Executive for direct response.

I would advise the Deputy that the system does not hold data in the manner requested.

The latest KPI Data for the Dental and Orthodontic Service as at Q3 September 2019 is detailed in Table 1 and 2 below. In 2019, activity for target groups attending for scheduled assessments is -5.2% behind target for these groups. This is at a time when recruitment and retention of dentists has been problematic, and restricts the capacity of the service.

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

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joe Green', positioned above a horizontal line.

**Joseph Green**  
AND, National Oral Health Lead - Operations



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**Table 1: Latest Dental Service KPI Data available as at end of September 2019**

**a) No. of new Oral Health patients in target groups attending for scheduled assessment**

| CHO                   | LHO                           | Outturn Previous Year | Target/EA Full Year | Target/EA YTD | Activity YTD | % Tar YTD V Tgt/EA |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------|
| <b>National Total</b> |                               | 152,190               | 162,336             | 121,749       | 115,385      | -5.2%              |
| <b>CHO 1</b>          | <b>Total</b>                  | 15,182                | 17,100              | 12,825        | 14,063       | 9.7%               |
| CHO 1                 | Cavan Monaghan                | 2,836                 | 4,308               | 3,231         | 3,736        | 15.6%              |
| CHO 1                 | Donegal                       | 5,760                 | 5,400               | 4,050         | 6,099        | 50.6%              |
| CHO 1                 | Sligo Leitrim                 | 6,586                 | 7,392               | 5,544         | 4,228        | -23.7%             |
| <b>CHO 2</b>          | <b>Total</b>                  | 12,455                | 13,440              | 10,080        | 9,297        | -7.8%              |
| CHO 2                 | Galway                        | 4,223                 | 5,400               | 4,050         | 3,392        | -16.2%             |
| CHO 2                 | Mayo                          | 4,258                 | 4,368               | 3,276         | 2,856        | -12.8%             |
| CHO 2                 | Roscommon                     | 3,974                 | 3,672               | 2,754         | 3,049        | 10.7%              |
| <b>CHO 3</b>          | <b>Total</b>                  | 10,480                | 10,152              | 7,614         | 8,855        | 16.3%              |
| CHO 3                 | Clare                         | 2,691                 | 2,340               | 1,755         | 2,971        | 69.3%              |
| CHO 3                 | Limerick                      | 3,507                 | 3,648               | 2,736         | 1,912        | -30.1%             |
| CHO 3                 | North Tipperary East Limerick | 4,282                 | 4,164               | 3,123         | 3,972        | 27.2%              |
| <b>CHO 4</b>          | <b>Total</b>                  | 22,930                | 23,184              | 17,386        | 15,808       | -9.1%              |
| CHO 4                 | Kerry                         | 3,999                 | 5,233               | 3,924         | 2,623        | -33.2%             |
| CHO 4                 | North Cork                    | 4,691                 | 6,360               | 4,770         | 3,396        | -28.8%             |
| CHO 4                 | North Lee                     | 5,555                 | 5,110               | 3,832         | 3,783        | -1.3%              |
| CHO 4                 | South Lee                     | 6,365                 | 2,245               | 1,683         | 4,861        | 188.8%             |
| CHO 4                 | West Cork                     | 2,320                 | 4,236               | 3,177         | 1,145        | -64.0%             |
| <b>CHO 5</b>          | <b>Total</b>                  | 19,174                | 20,820              | 15,614        | 14,318       | -8.3%              |
| CHO 5                 | Carlow Kilkenny               | 4,384                 | 4,584               | 3,438         | 3,985        | 15.9%              |
| CHO 5                 | South Tipperary               | 6,185                 | 5,880               | 4,410         | 4,630        | 5.0%               |
| CHO 5                 | Waterford                     | 3,652                 | 4,080               | 3,060         | 2,889        | -5.6%              |
| CHO 5                 | Wexford                       | 4,953                 | 6,276               | 4,706         | 2,814        | -40.2%             |

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|--------------|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| <b>CHO 6</b> | <b>Total</b>         | 8,105  | 8,664  | 6,498  | 6,060  | -6.7%  |
| CHO 6        | Dublin South East    |        |        |        |        |        |
| CHO 6        | Dun Laoghaire        | 8,105  | 8,664  | 6,498  | 6,060  | -6.7%  |
| CHO 6        | Wicklow              |        |        |        |        |        |
| <b>CHO 7</b> | <b>Total</b>         | 21,355 | 28,068 | 21,051 | 19,847 | -5.7%  |
| CHO 7        | Dublin South City    | 2,768  | 2,988  | 2,241  | 2,504  | 11.7%  |
| CHO 7        | Dublin South West    | 3,957  | 5,184  | 3,888  | 3,929  | 1.1%   |
| CHO 7        | Dublin West          | 6,596  | 5,388  | 4,041  | 4,444  | 10.0%  |
| CHO 7        | Kildare West Wicklow | 8,034  | 14,508 | 10,881 | 8,970  | -17.6% |
| <b>CHO 8</b> | <b>Total</b>         | 20,963 | 20,016 | 15,012 | 13,708 | -8.7%  |
| CHO 8        | Laois Offaly         | 3,656  | 3,564  | 2,673  | 2,561  | -4.2%  |
| CHO 8        | Longford Westmeath   | 4,173  | 3,408  | 2,556  | 3,204  | 25.4%  |
| CHO 8        | Louth                | 5,423  | 5,340  | 4,005  | 4,086  | 2.0%   |
| CHO 8        | Meath                | 7,711  | 7,704  | 5,778  | 3,857  | -33.2% |
| <b>CHO 9</b> | <b>Total</b>         | 21,546 | 20,892 | 15,669 | 13,429 | -14.3% |
| CHO 9        | Dublin North         | 8,527  | 8,892  | 6,669  | 5,906  | -11.4% |
| CHO 9        | Dublin North Central | 3,958  | 3,924  | 2,943  | 1,997  | -32.1% |
| CHO 9        | Dublin North West    | 9,061  | 8,076  | 6,057  | 5,526  | -8.8%  |

b) No. of new Oral Health patients attending for unscheduled assessment

| CHO                   | LHO                           | Outturn Previous Year | Target/EA Full Year | Target/EA YTD | Activity YTD | % Tar YTD V Tgt/EA |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------|
| <b>National Total</b> |                               | 65,371                | 64,812              | 48,609        | 48,414       | -0.4%              |
| <b>CHO 1</b>          | <b>Total</b>                  | 6,822                 | 6,612               | 4,959         | 5,916        | 19.3%              |
| CHO 1                 | Cavan Monaghan                | 1,899                 | 1,848               | 1,386         | 1,655        | 19.4%              |
| CHO 1                 | Donegal                       | 3,256                 | 3,060               | 2,295         | 3,115        | 35.7%              |
| CHO 1                 | Sligo Leitrim                 | 1,667                 | 1,704               | 1,278         | 1,146        | -10.3%             |
| <b>CHO 2</b>          | <b>Total</b>                  | 2,896                 | 2,952               | 2,214         | 1,798        | -18.8%             |
| CHO 2                 | Galway                        | 1,514                 | 1,668               | 1,251         | 902          | -27.9%             |
| CHO 2                 | Mayo                          | 688                   | 600                 | 450           | 412          | -8.4%              |
| CHO 2                 | Roscommon                     | 694                   | 684                 | 513           | 484          | -5.7%              |
| <b>CHO 3</b>          | <b>Total</b>                  | 5,970                 | 5,820               | 4,365         | 4,040        | -7.4%              |
| CHO 3                 | Clare                         | 1,601                 | 1,620               | 1,215         | 1,182        | -2.7%              |
| CHO 3                 | Limerick                      | 2,029                 | 1,956               | 1,467         | 1,168        | -20.4%             |
| CHO 3                 | North Tipperary East Limerick | 2,340                 | 2,244               | 1,683         | 1,690        | 0.4%               |
| <b>CHO 4</b>          | <b>Total</b>                  | 8,498                 | 8,388               | 6,291         | 5,993        | -4.7%              |
| CHO 4                 | Kerry                         | 1,679                 | 1,596               | 1,197         | 1,210        | 1.1%               |
| CHO 4                 | North Cork                    | 2,113                 | 2,208               | 1,656         | 1,492        | -9.9%              |
| CHO 4                 | North Lee                     | 1,855                 | 1,776               | 1,332         | 1,311        | -1.6%              |
| CHO 4                 | South Lee                     | 2,132                 | 2,100               | 1,575         | 1,525        | -3.2%              |
| CHO 4                 | West Cork                     | 719                   | 708                 | 531           | 455          | -14.3%             |
| <b>CHO 5</b>          | <b>Total</b>                  | 7,894                 | 7,968               | 5,976         | 5,858        | -2.0%              |
| CHO 5                 | Carlow Kilkenny               | 2,127                 | 2,208               | 1,656         | 1,545        | -6.7%              |
| CHO 5                 | South Tipperary               | 1,723                 | 1,680               | 1,260         | 1,301        | 3.3%               |
| CHO 5                 | Waterford                     | 1,913                 | 1,896               | 1,422         | 1,235        | -13.2%             |
| CHO 5                 | Wexford                       | 2,131                 | 2,184               | 1,638         | 1,777        | 8.5%               |
| <b>CHO 6</b>          | <b>Total</b>                  | 3,882                 | 4,020               | 3,015         | 2,704        | -10.3%             |
| CHO 6                 | Dublin South East             |                       | 0                   | 0             |              |                    |
| CHO 6                 | Dun Laoghaire                 | 3,882                 | 4,020               | 3,015         | 2,704        | -10.3%             |
| CHO 6                 | Wicklow                       |                       | 0                   | 0             |              |                    |

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| <b>CHO 7</b> | <b>Total</b>         | 12,116 | 11,712 | 8,784 | 8,774 | -0.1%  |
| CHO 7        | Dublin South City    | 1,224  | 1,272  | 954   | 1,210 | 26.8%  |
| CHO 7        | Dublin South West    | 3,067  | 3,132  | 2,349 | 2,137 | -9.0%  |
| CHO 7        | Dublin West          | 4,052  | 3,480  | 2,610 | 2,830 | 8.4%   |
| CHO 7        | Kildare West Wicklow | 3,773  | 3,828  | 2,871 | 2,597 | -9.5%  |
| <b>CHO 8</b> | <b>Total</b>         | 7,762  | 7,776  | 5,832 | 6,525 | 11.9%  |
| CHO 8        | Laois Offaly         | 2,516  | 2,568  | 1,926 | 2,012 | 4.5%   |
| CHO 8        | Longford Westmeath   | 1,201  | 1,164  | 873   | 1,077 | 23.4%  |
| CHO 8        | Louth                | 1,903  | 1,848  | 1,386 | 1,808 | 30.4%  |
| CHO 8        | Meath                | 2,142  | 2,196  | 1,647 | 1,628 | -1.2%  |
| <b>CHO 9</b> | <b>Total</b>         | 9,531  | 9,564  | 7,173 | 6,806 | -5.1%  |
| CHO 9        | Dublin North         | 3,911  | 4,056  | 3,042 | 2,822 | -7.2%  |
| CHO 9        | Dublin North Central | 1,751  | 1,764  | 1,323 | 1,153 | -12.8% |
| CHO 9        | Dublin North West    | 3,869  | 3,744  | 2,808 | 2,831 | 0.8%   |

c) No. of new Oral Health Patients who commenced treatment with three months of scheduled oral health assessment

| CHO                   | LHO                           | Outturn Previous Year | Target/EA Full Year | Target/EA YTD | Activity YTD | % Tar YTD V Tgt/EA |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------|
| <b>National Total</b> |                               | 109,022               | 106,872             | 80,154        | 82,400       | 2.8%               |
| <b>CHO 1</b>          | <b>Total</b>                  | 9,083                 | 8,964               | 6,723         | 9,022        | 34.2%              |
| CHO 1                 | Cavan Monaghan                | 2,503                 | 2,460               | 1,845         | 2,679        | 45.2%              |
| CHO 1                 | Donegal                       | 4,369                 | 4,236               | 3,177         | 4,434        | 39.6%              |
| CHO 1                 | Sligo Leitrim                 | 2,211                 | 2,268               | 1,701         | 1,909        | 12.2%              |
| <b>CHO 2</b>          | <b>Total</b>                  | 5,687                 | 5,496               | 4,122         | 4,730        | 14.8%              |
| CHO 2                 | Galway                        | 2,454                 | 2,328               | 1,746         | 2,110        | 20.8%              |
| CHO 2                 | Mayo                          | 1,458                 | 1,416               | 1,062         | 1,231        | 15.9%              |
| CHO 2                 | Roscommon                     | 1,775                 | 1,752               | 1,314         | 1,389        | 5.7%               |
| <b>CHO 3</b>          | <b>Total</b>                  | 11,953                | 11,556              | 8,667         | 9,096        | 4.9%               |
| CHO 3                 | Clare                         | 2,653                 | 2,652               | 1,989         | 1,937        | -2.6%              |
| CHO 3                 | Limerick                      | 4,907                 | 4,788               | 3,591         | 3,052        | -15.0%             |
| CHO 3                 | North Tipperary East Limerick | 4,393                 | 4,116               | 3,087         | 4,107        | 33.0%              |
| <b>CHO 4</b>          | <b>Total</b>                  | 21,066                | 20,472              | 15,354        | 14,545       | -5.3%              |
| CHO 4                 | Kerry                         | 2,939                 | 2,688               | 2,016         | 1,784        | -11.5%             |
| CHO 4                 | North Cork                    | 4,289                 | 4,332               | 3,249         | 3,316        | 2.1%               |
| CHO 4                 | North Lee                     | 5,397                 | 5,088               | 3,816         | 3,643        | -4.5%              |
| CHO 4                 | South Lee                     | 6,192                 | 6,192               | 4,644         | 4,680        | 0.8%               |
| CHO 4                 | West Cork                     | 2,249                 | 2,172               | 1,629         | 1,122        | -31.1%             |
| <b>CHO 5</b>          | <b>Total</b>                  | 8,463                 | 9,060               | 6,795         | 5,374        | -20.9%             |
| CHO 5                 | Carlow Kilkenny               | 2,927                 | 3,084               | 2,313         | 1,910        | -17.4%             |
| CHO 5                 | South Tipperary               | 2,163                 | 2,052               | 1,539         | 1,308        | -15.0%             |
| CHO 5                 | Waterford                     | 1,857                 | 2,100               | 1,575         | 1,175        | -25.4%             |
| CHO 5                 | Wexford                       | 1,516                 | 1,824               | 1,368         | 981          | -28.3%             |
| <b>CHO 6</b>          | <b>Total</b>                  | 5,410                 | 5,292               | 3,969         | 4,006        | 0.9%               |
| CHO 6                 | Dublin South East             |                       |                     | 0             |              |                    |
| CHO 6                 | Dun Laoghaire                 | 5,410                 | 5,292               | 3,969         | 4,006        | 0.9%               |
| CHO 6                 | Wicklow                       |                       |                     | 0             |              |                    |

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|--------------|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| <b>CHO 7</b> | <b>Total</b>         | 19,670 | 19,560 | 14,670 | 14,015 | -4.5%  |
| CHO 7        | Dublin South City    | 2,546  | 2,868  | 2,151  | 1,889  | -12.2% |
| CHO 7        | Dublin South West    | 5,793  | 6,636  | 4,977  | 3,844  | -22.8% |
| CHO 7        | Dublin West          | 4,368  | 3,564  | 2,673  | 2,942  | 10.1%  |
| CHO 7        | Kildare West Wicklow | 6,963  | 6,492  | 4,869  | 5,340  | 9.7%   |
| <b>CHO 8</b> | <b>Total</b>         | 12,936 | 11,940 | 8,955  | 10,347 | 15.5%  |
| CHO 8        | Laois Offaly         | 1,242  | 1,188  | 891    | 1,350  | 51.5%  |
| CHO 8        | Longford Westmeath   | 1,603  | 1,260  | 945    | 2,180  | 130.7% |
| CHO 8        | Louth                | 2,880  | 2,604  | 1,953  | 2,114  | 8.2%   |
| CHO 8        | Meath                | 7,211  | 6,888  | 5,166  | 4,703  | -9.0%  |
| <b>CHO 9</b> | <b>Total</b>         | 14,754 | 14,532 | 10,899 | 11,265 | 3.4%   |
| CHO 9        | Dublin North         | 6,416  | 6,480  | 4,860  | 4,699  | -3.3%  |
| CHO 9        | Dublin North Central | 2,941  | 2,796  | 2,097  | 2,168  | 3.4%   |
| CHO 9        | Dublin North West    | 5,397  | 5,256  | 3,942  | 4,398  | 11.6%  |



### **Orthodontic Service**

Orthodontic data is collated as per the Orthodontic areas, which do not correspond with CHO boundaries, and requested waiting time bands. The National Orthodontic waiting lists for treatment, as at Q3 2019 are detailed in Table 2 below.

|                                   | In Active Treatment |  | Waiting < 2 years on the treatment waiting list | Waiting 2-4 years on the treatment waiting list | Waiting > 4 years on the treatment waiting list | Totals       |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--|---|---|---|--------------|
| Former East Coast (Loughlinstown) | 300                 |  | 536   | 395   | 30  | 961          |
| Former South West (St James's)    | 2521                |  | 1234  | 1081  | 79  | 2394         |
| Midlands                          | 845                 |  | 737   | 513   | 862   | 2112         |
| DNE                               | 4151                |  | 1719  | 999   | 534   | 3252         |
| South                             | 2954                |  | 1633  | 536   | 1   | 2170         |
| South East                        | 1153                |  | 1277  | 1399  | 442   | 3118         |
| Mid Western                       | 1472                |  | 732   | 887   | 109   | 1728         |
| North West                        | 812                 |  | 545   | 54  | 0   | 599          |
| Western                           | 2452                |  | 1160  | 720   | 0   | 1880         |
| <b>Totals</b>                     | <b>16660</b>        |  | <b>9573</b>                                     | <b>6584</b>                                     | <b>2057</b>                                     | <b>18214</b> |

Table 3: Orthodontic – Numbers In Active Treatment at Q3, 2019 and Numbers Waiting for Treatment at Q3, 2019