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9621/24: To ask the Minister for Health if orthodontic treatments (details supplied) can be funded through the Northern Ireland planned healthcare scheme for a minor.

Details supplied: Extractions Stainless Steel Crown Fissure Sealant.

Dear Deputy Troy,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for response.

Orthodontic care is available via the Cross Border Directive for patients who have been assessed as eligible for HSE funded orthodontic care. The patient chooses their own clinician, pays the orthodontist directly for this orthodontic treatment and once orthodontic treatment has been completed the patient then applies to the Cross Border Directive for reimbursement of fees paid.

The Cross Border Directive Office can be contacted on crossborderdirective@hse.ie and will provide details on the correct process to access healthcare abroad under the CBD and the eligibility criteria to claim reimbursement towards the cost of healthcare.

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

Yours Sincerely,

**Dr Anne M O'Neill
Assistant National Director, Oral Health**