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Mr. Paul Donnelly T.D.,
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PQ 29012/24 *"To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional patients seen on the dental treatment service scheme under the €5 million waiting list reduction scheme 2023; and the estimated total cost of these sessions in the CHO9 area"* **Paul Donnelly, TD**

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC) Dental Services 2,395 patients were seen as part of this waiting list initiative in 2023. The cost of these sessions within CHO DNCC was €169,725 or €70 per patient.

Although funding was made available for the whole year, the service only commenced the sessions in September 2023, no further funding has been made available in 2024.

A further reduction in waiting lists could be achieved should funding become available again and there would not be the same challenges with delayed lead-in times.

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

Yours sincerely,

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