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Deputy Imelda Munster
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

Re PQ 32684/24 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of people awaiting public dental treatment in counties Louth and Meath; and the length of time they are awaiting treatment.

Dear Deputy Munster,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and outlined the position as follows;

Please see below for waiting list for children 6th class National School children Counties Louth and Meath.

	Louth	Meath
School Year	Total Numbers Waiting	Total Numbers Waiting
2021-2022	413	181
2022-2023	1779	1,724
2023-2024	2,899	2,646

As detailed above, the schools dental programme in Louth Meath is nearing three years behind the current 6th class academic cohort, with the service currently targeting 6th class 2021-22. To ensure a fair and equitable service, children are being called in order of their position on the waiting list.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Joseph Ruane
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