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Dáil Eireann
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PQ 27117/24: To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional patients seen on the dental treatment services scheme under the €5 million waiting list reduction scheme 2023; and the estimated total cost of these sessions per CHO area, in tabular form

Dear Deputy Shortall,

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.

A single allocation of €5 million was made in Budget 2023 to support the HSE to provide care to its eligible child and adult populations, including addressing backlogs in the targeted primary school class programme and improving access to emergency treatment for medical card holders.

As the allocation was on a once-off basis, it did not support the employment of additional staff to the service and is not held for use within the service in 2024.

The HSE outlined project initiatives to the Department of Health all of which met the requirements of the budgetary initiative. A number of extra dental sessions were conducted in HSE clinics via this funding. Below outlines total costs and patients seen under this initiative.

| | CHO 9 | CHO 6 | CHO 7 |
|----------------------|--|---|---|
| Total Cost | €171,985 | €75,000 | €36,560 |
| Patients seen | 1144 patients. The target patient range in CHO 9 was schools dental programme, additional initiative provided by HSE staff. | DTSS patients: additional DTSS patients seen in DDUH (Funding SLA Section 38 through CHO 6) | 80 patients in the International Protection process with International Protection Accommodation Services (IPAS) |



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

Yours Sincerely,

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