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Deputy Matt Carthy
Dáil Éireann
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Re PQ – 27212/24 To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No.22 of 13th June 2024, the number of children who received treatment from a temporary agency orthodontist in Louth County Hospital for each month since January 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter – Matt Carthy

Dear Deputy Carthy,

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

The HSE explored the use of temporary agency Orthodontists for the Louth Orthodontic service, however none were available. This option continues to be explored by the HSE.

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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