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**PQ 43984/24:**

**To ask the Minister for Health what service is available and accessible for children require restorative dental treatment under general anaesthetic in CHO 6, CHO 7 and CHO 9 and are not able to receive this care in Children's Hospital Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy O Callaghan,

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.

It is the responsibility of the Health Regions and Regional Executive Officers to identify and provide services to populations in their area. The National Oral Health Office is aware of limitations to resources within public hospitals including Children's Hospital Ireland for the provision of services under General Anaesthetic (GA), with priority being given to emergency and urgent medical care under GA.

The HSE has strong relationship with private hospital locations and various funding streams have been provided to supplement the capacity. Responsibility for identifying capacity and provision of services for children who require GA is within the implementation of the Health Region and Integrated Health Area structures. The National Oral Health Office continues to work with CHI to identify resources necessary to support services to children under the National Oral Health Policy implementation.

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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