



28th January 2025

Deputy Darren O'Rourke
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

Re PQ 46414/24 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of children referred for four or more dental extractions under general anaesthetics in CHO8 area in the years 2022, 2023 and 2024 in tabular form – Darren O'Rourke

Dear Deputy O'Rourke

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 outlined the position as follows.

The numbers for the CHO8 Dental Service are:

Four or more Extractions	Year 2022	Year 2023	Year 2024
Longford/Westmeath	90	80	121
Laois/Offaly	66	81	82
Louth/Meath *	158	181	174

* Please note Louth/Meath do not capture number of dental extractions under general anaesthesia therefore the numbers noted are the total number of children referred for dental extraction under general anaesthesia.

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,

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