

16th February, 2017

Deputy Simon Harris, TD  
Minister for Health,  
Department of Health,  
Hawkins House,  
Hawkins Street,  
Dublin 2

REF: 52612

RE: Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting of South Dublin County Council held on 15th February, 2017


Dear Minister,

I write on behalf of the elected Members of Clondalkin Electoral Area who, at the meeting of the Clondalkin Area Committee held on 15th February, 2017, adopted the following motion:

**"In light of the diminished HSE dental services in Clondalkin this Committee agrees to ask the Minister for Health, Simon Harris to provide the resources to the HSE so that all primary school children in Clondalkin will receive their dental check up in second class."**

I would be obliged for your comments and response as soon as possible to enable me to revert to the Committee.

Yours sincerely,



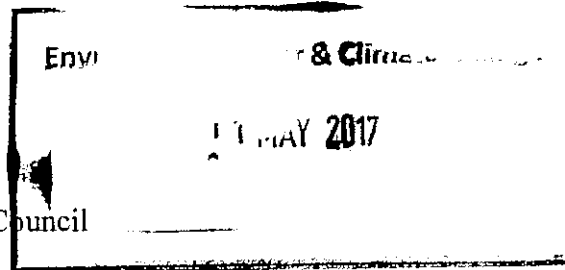
Patricia O'Reilly,  
Staff Officer,  
Operations,  
Environment Water & Climate Change

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9 May 2017

Ms Patricia O'Reilly  
South Dublin County Council  
County Hall  
Tallaght  
Dublin 24



Dear Patricia

I refer to your recent letter concerning dental services in Clondalkin.

The HSE advises that the resignation of two dentists in 2016 and the absence of four dentists due to maternity leave led to a reduction in services provided to schoolchildren. Two dentists have recently been recruited to fill the vacancies and two dentists have returned from maternity leave. The HSE School Dental Team in Dublin West is currently clearing the backlog of children in 6th class and intends offering appointments to children in 2nd class in the coming months. It may be necessary for some children to travel to dental clinics in the Dublin South City area due to the pressure on the service in Dublin West at present. The remaining two dentists are expected to return from maternity leave in June/July 2017.

I hope this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

Simon Harris T.D.  
Minister for Health

