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**PQ ref 34096/19, 34110/19, 34124/19, 34138/19, 34152/19**

**PQ 34096/19**

**"To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists designated in a full-time capacity to the Carrigaline primary care centre; if there are locums; and his plans to recruit further in this regard."**

**PQ 34110/19**

**"To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists designated in a full-time capacity to the Blackrock primary care centre; if there are locums; and his plans to recruit further in this regard."**

**PQ 34124/19**

**"To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists designated in a full-time capacity to the Ballyphehane Togher area; if there are locums; and his plans to recruit further in this regard."**

**PQ 34138/19**

**"To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists designated in a full-time capacity to the Bishopstown Wilton area; if there are locums; and his plans to recruit further in this regard."**

**PQ 34152/19**

**"To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists designated in a full-time capacity to the Douglas area; if there are locums; and his plans to recruit further in this regard."**

Dear Deputy Ó Laoghaire,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The Primary Care Dental services team provides dental treatment services to eligible children, medical card holders, special needs clients and others in the care of the HSE at various locations throughout Co. Cork. Children under 16 years of age are treated in HSE dental clinics and adults are treated by private dental practitioners contracted to the Health Services under the Dental Treatment Services Scheme (DTSS). The HSE Primary Care Dental Service provides a school screening dental service which targets pupils in 6<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> classes.

<b>Location</b>	<b>No. of dentists designated in a full time capacity</b>	<b>If there are locums</b>	<b>Plans to recruit further</b>
<b>Togher/Ballyphehane</b>			Awaiting approval to fill
<b>Douglas</b>			Vacant Post
<b>Blackrock PCC</b>	1 WTE	No	
<b>Bishopstown/Wilton</b>	4.2 WTE	No	
<b>Carrigaline PCC</b>	1.6 WTE	No	

The process of recruiting 3 WTE Dental Surgeon Posts to replace those who have resigned /retired in recent times is expected to be commenced by the HSE's national recruitment services shortly.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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