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Deputy Gerry Adams
Dáil Eireann,
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RE PQ 18930/19: To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE staff allocated to deliver dental assessments in schools in County Louth; the grade of each; and the vacant staff positions within the service.

Dear Deputy Adams

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.

Dental staff are responsible for delivering a wide variety of primary care oral health services to the eligible population and this would include the range of dental services delivered via the school dental programme. These staff are also involved in provision of an emergency dental service to the eligible population, services to special care children and adults, general anaesthetic services to children and adults and oral health promotion services.

It is therefore not possible to identify dental staff specifically allocated to oral health assessments in schools.

The following information is current for May 2019:

Current Whole Time Equivalent (WTE):

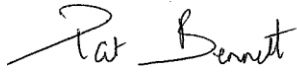
General Dental Surgeons	4.4
Senior Dental Surgeons	0.4
Dental Nurses	6.9
Dental Hygienists	1.6

Vacant posts WTE:

Dental Nurse	0.6
Senior Dental Nurse Special Care	1
Senior Dental Surgeon Special Care	1

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Bennett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and "B".

Pat Bennett
Chief Officer
Midlands Louth Meath CHO