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**Deputy Fergus O'Dowd
Dáil Eireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2**

Re: PQ 17301/20

Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists registered under the dental treatment services scheme by county on a monthly basis from January 2020 to date in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy O'Dowd,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Questions which have been referred by the Minister for Health to the Health Service Executive for direct response.

I wish to advise that the data is not available as requested by county. The number of dentists registered under the dental treatment services scheme by Local Health Organisation (LHO) on a monthly basis from January 2020 to date is outlined in Appendix 1 (attached).

Dentists that have resigned from their DTSS contracts are required to give three months' notice. During the notice period, a contractor's name will continue to be included in the list of active contractors. As of 23rd July 2020, 92 resignations from the DTSS have been notified to the HSE.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but if you require further clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe Green', positioned above a horizontal line.

**Joseph Green
AND, National Oral Health Lead - Operations**