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Mr. Ruairí Ó Murchú T.D.,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question – 34281/20

To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists participating in the dental treatment services scheme in primary care sites in the HSE CHO8 region to date; the number of dentists that have withdrawn to date; the number of new dental treatment services applications currently being processed to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

-Ruairí Ó Murchú

Dear Deputy Ó Murchú,

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 response as follows.

1. The number of dentists participating in the dental treatment services scheme in primary care sites in the HSE CHO8 region to date

Midlands: The number of Dentists participating in the DTSS working in primary care sites (private practices) in the Midlands as of the 3rd November 2020 is **58**.

Louth/Meath: Total number of Dentists involved in the DTSS scheme as at 04th November 2020 is **51**

2. The number of dentists that have withdrawn to date

Midlands: The number of DTSS contractors that have withdrawn to date in 2020 in the Midlands region is 10.

Louth/Meath: The number of Dentists who have resigned/withdrawn to date in 2020 is 15.

There are an additional 6 dentists who have advised that they are resigning from the DTSS between now and 08/12/2020

3. The number of new dental treatment services applications currently being processed to date

Midlands: The Principal Dental Surgeon processes the below the line applications received from DTSS contractors. The applications are received on a daily basis. As of Tuesday 3rd November there are 16 applications awaiting processing.

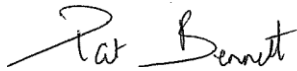
Please note question 3 in relation to 'the number of applications currently being processed to date' cannot be accurately answered as there is not sufficient clarity in the question being posed.

Louth/Meath: The Principal Dental Surgeon processes the below the line applications received from DTSS contractors. The applications are received on a daily basis both online and in paper format. As of Wednesday 4th of November there are: 137 applications awaiting processing

Please note question 3 in relation to 'the number of applications currently being processed to date' cannot be accurately answered as there is not sufficient clarity in the question being posed.

I trust the above is in order and 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 horizontal line underneath it.

Pat Bennett
Chief Officer CHO Area 8