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**Deputy Ruairí Ó Murchú  
Dáil Eireann  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2**

**PQ 34282/20: To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists participating in the dental treatment services scheme by HSE CHO region, by monthly average for the period 1 January to 31 October 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Ó Murchú,

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

Adult medical card holders have access to dental services under the Dental Treatment Services Scheme through care provided by private dentists that hold DTSS contracts with the HSE.

I wish to advise the Deputy that the data requested is not available by HSE CHO area. The number of dentists participating in the dental treatment services scheme is available by HSE LHO region and is detailed in the attached Excel Sheet for the period 1 January to 31 October 2020.

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', written over a horizontal line.

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