



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

**Re: Parliamentary Question – 29263/20**

To ask the Minister for Health the numbers of dentists, dental nurses, clinical dental technicians and orthodontists aligned to Primary Care sites in the CHO8 area that are currently seconded on Covid-19 related activities - Ruairí Ó Murchú.

Dear Deputy Ó Murchú,

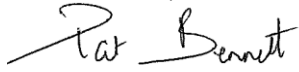
The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outline response as follows. Please note answer is in Whole Time Equivalents (WTE)'s.

Staff Grade WTE	Midlands Laois / Offaly/ Longford/ Westmeath	Louth /Meath	Total WTE
Dentists	2.2	1	3.2
Dental Nurses	14.1 (2 x Ortho nurses permanently redeployed, 0.2 for other nurses)	9.4	23.5
Clinical Dental Technicians None of them	The HSE does not have any Clinical Dental Technicians		
Orthodontists	0.4 (2 x Specialist Orthodontics as and when required)	0.8	1.2

COVID testing is currently a priority service for the HSE and in our CHO. It is the goodwill of staff to be redeployed that allows us to provide a test all those who require testing within our CHO currently ranging from 1,000 to 1,200 per day. Staff can be deployed back to their substantive posts when new Swabbers are appointed to our CHO and we can then plan the standing back up of those services.

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 large initial "P" and "B".

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Pat Bennett  
Chief Officer CHO Area 8