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Ms. Verona Murphy TD Dáil Éireann Leinster House Dublin 2

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To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the difficulties in accessing dental services in County Wexford for persons with medical cards; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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

I have examined the matter and the following response outlines the current position.

Persons with Medical Card eligibility and other eligible persons can access Dental Treatment through the Dental Treatment Services Scheme (DTSS).

Please see table below outlining numbers of dentists per area who currently hold contracts with the HSE to provide dental treatment under the DTSS in Co. Wexford.

Area	No. of dentists presently contracted to provide dental services under the DTSS
Wexford Town	9
Wellingtonbridge	2
Enniscorthy	10
New Ross	3
Gorey	4

I can confirm that the Primary Care Unit has not received any contact advising of difficulty for medical card holders accessing dental services in Co. Wexford.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Jeanne Hendrick

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