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**Deputy Colm Burke
Dáil Eireann
Leinster House
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PQ 3374/21: To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists delivering free care to medical card holders by county in each of the years 2011 to 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Burke,

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 (DTSS) 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 county. The number of dentists participating in the DTSS is available by HSE Local Health Office (LHO) region and is detailed in the attached Excel Sheet in each of the years 2011 to 2021.

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**