



25 March 2021

Deputy David Cullinane
Dáil Eireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

Re: PQ 13110/21: To ask the Minister for Health the number of dental hygienists in CHO 6 and 7 in each of the years of 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021; if this number will be further increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred by the Minister for Health to the Health Service Executive for direct response. Following engagement with Community HealthCare Organisation (CHO) 6 and 7, the following outlines the current position.

CHO 6

WTE Dental Hygienist	2018	2019	2020	2021
CHO6	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8

There is approval to fill 2.0 WTE specified contract posts for 1 year, but this is dependent on the filling of dental nurse posts.

CHO 7

Year	No. of Hygienists	WTE
2018	6	4.9
2019	8	5.6
2020	8	4.4
2021 to date	8	4.4

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but if you require further clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,



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