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Deputy David Cullinane
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PQ 55782/21

To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE dental surgeon positions in County Cavan; the number of vacancies in County Cavan for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

County Cavan is not an integral operational area in terms of primary care services as there are geographic portions of County Cavan that are part of other HSE areas e.g. Sligo/ Leitrim (CHO 1), Louth/ Meath (CHO 8). Accordingly the Dental Service operational area is Cavan Monaghan.

The current designated complement of /census head count for all grades of Dental Surgeons in Cavan Monaghan is 10 as follows:

- 1 x Principal Dental Surgeon
- 1 X Senior Administrative Dental Surgeon .This management position supports the Principal Dental Surgeon and has also a clinical component.
- 1 x Senior Dental Surgeon, Special Needs
- 7 x General Dental Surgeons

The number and WTE of all grades of Dental Surgeons currently in post is 9 (8.12 WTE) as follows:

- 1 x Principal Dental Surgeon (1WTE)
- 1 x Senior Administrative Dental Surgeon (0.86 WTE) currently on Maternity Leave
- 1 x Acting Senior Administrative Dental Surgeon (1 WTE).In post backdated to October 8th last and out of our current complement of General Dental Surgeons in post
- 1 x Senior Dental Surgeon, Special Needs (1 WTE)
- 5 x General Dental Surgeons (4.26WTE)

There is one vacancy for post of General Dental Surgeon(1 WTE) currently being processed with HSE Panel Management which is to be assigned to work in locations in the Cavan region and should be in post in first quarter of 2022.



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General Dental Surgeons are the main providers of care for eligible primary school children and adolescents and are based in a geographic area usually covering two dental facilities within that area.

I trust this clarifies the situation for you

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick Murray".

Patrick Murray
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