



Oifig an Príomhoifigeach, Eagraíocht
Cúram Sláinte Pobail, Lár Tíre, An Lú,
An Mhí Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse
Sláinte, Oifig Cheantair, Bóthar
Ardáin, An Tulach Mhór, Co. Uíbh
Fhailí.

☎: **057 9359787**

✉: CHO8@hse.ie

Office of the Chief Officer,
Midlands Louth Meath
Community Health
Organisation, Health
Service Executive, Area
Office, Arden Road,
Tullamore, Co. Offaly

☎: **057 9359787**

✉: CHO8@hse.ie

19th October, 2021

Mr Charles Flanagan T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question – 47508/21

To ask the Minister for Health the number of dental practices in counties Laois and Offaly that have contracts with the HSE under the dental service treatment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Charles Flanagan

Dear Deputy Flanagan,

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 I outline the position as follows.

The Dental Treatment Services Scheme (DTSS) has seen many resignations nationally in recent times and as a result, many patients are currently unable to access dental care in their immediate locality and must travel within or outside their home county to access dental care with a participating DTSS contracted dentist.

There are currently forty eight (48) DTSS participating contractors across the Midlands region, three (3) of which are operating within County Laois and ten (10) in County Offaly.

Of those practices who continue to provide dental care for eligible DTSS patients, many have been unable to take on any additional patients as they simply do not have the capacity to meet the ever increasing demand. Also of note, there are currently no new applications being processed to join the DTSS with the HSE dental Midlands area.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Dervila Eyres
Chief Officer
Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation