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Deputy John Brady Dáil Eireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2

PQ 48395/21: To ask the Minister for Health the number of independent dental practices that are currently signed-up to the dental treatment services scheme in CHO6 and CHO7, County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Brady,

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.

Under the Dental Treatment Services Scheme (DTSS) Dentists who have a contract with the Health Services Executive (HSE) can carry out dental treatment on patients who have a medical card. If someone is over 16 years and has a current medical card then that person is entitled to free dental treatment from any of the Dentists on the DTSS list.

Table 1 details the numbers of dentists (including Clinical Dental Technicians CDTs) that currently hold contracts with the DTSS in CHO 6 and CHO 7.

CHO Area 6 TOTAL	40
LHO 1 - Dun Laoghaire	14
LHO 2 - Dublin South East	8
LHO 7 - Wicklow	18
CHO Area 7 TOTAL	134
LHO 3 - Dublin South City	33
LHO 4 - Dublin South West	42
LHO 5 - Dublin West	15
LHO 6 - Kildare / West Wicklow	44

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

Yours Sincerely,

Joseph Green

AND, National Oral Health Lead - Operations