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Ms. Verona Murphy TD Dáil Éireann Leinster House Dublin 2

PQ 51323/21

To ask the Minister for Health the number of private dentists presently providing treatment under the dental treatment services scheme in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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PQ 51324/21

To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists employed by the local health office presently providing free dental treatment to adult medical card holders in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which were submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have examined the matter and the following response outlines the current position.

Persons with Medical Card eligibility and other eligible persons can access Dental Treatment through the Dental Treatment Services Scheme (DTSS).

The provision of dental treatment to adult medical card holders has been contracted out to private dentists, who hold a contract with the HSE under the DTSS.

The total number of DTSS Dentists in Wexford is 26 which consists of 17 in County Wexford and 9 in Wexford Town.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Anna Marie Lanigan

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