



01 October 2021

Deputy David Cullinane
Dáil Eireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
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PQ 45297/21: To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full year cost of recruiting four additional full-time dental hygienists for both CHO 6 and 7; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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.

Dental services are provided in a Dental Team, so the costs have also allowed for increasing the number of Dental Nurses by 4 in each CHO. Please note 30% of WTE Cost is included to cover estimated operational costs to reflect the specialist nature, high patient turnover and consumables associated with a Dental Service.

Table 1: WTE Cost Breakdown per CHO

Grade Code	Grade Code Description	Staff Category	Total WTE for Grade Code	Er PRSI @ 11.05%	Full Year Cost of WTEs
OVERALL TOTAL			8	36,439	366,205
3022	Dental Hygienist	Health & Social Care Professionals	4.00	21,577	216,842
6437	Dental Nurse	Patient & Client Care	4.00	14,862	149,362

Table 2: Total Cost per CHO

WTE Cost (WTE Breakdown Table 1)	366,205
30% Operational associated costs	109,861.50
Total Cost Per CHO	476,066.50

The estimated full year cost for both CHO 6 and CHO 7 is €952,133.

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