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PQ 45948/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of dental practitioners contracted to provide dental care to persons holding a medical card under the dental treatment service scheme in CHO Dublin North City and County in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. - **Mary Lou McDonald TD.**

Dear Deputy McDonald,

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 the following outlines the position.

Participation in the Dental Treatment Services Scheme (DTSS) by dentists is voluntary and subject to change. There has been significant reductions in the number of dentists participating in the DTSS over the past number of months.

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Dental practitioners providing dental care on DTSS Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County	76	99	147	197	187	182

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

Yours sincerely

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