



11 October 2021

Deputy Violet-Anne Wynne
Dáil Eireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

PQ 46253/21: To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists that were registered for the dental treatment support scheme in each of the years 2016 to 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Wynne,

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.

Adult medical card holders have access to dental services under the Dental Treatment Services Scheme (DTSS) through care provided by private dentists that hold DTSS contracts with the HSE.

The number of dentists that hold contracts with the DTSS for each of the years 2016-2020 is detailed in the Table below. The difference in the number of contractors each year includes resignations/retirements and new entrants to the scheme.

Table 1: Number of Private Dentists that hold DTSS contracts

Year	National Total
Jan-16	1,664
Jan-17	1,664
Jan-18	1,446
Jan-19	1,489
Jan-20	1,497
Jan-21	1,311
Aug-21	1,204

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