



11 October 2021

Deputy Martin Browne
Dáil Eireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

PQ 46752/21: To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists participating in the dental medical card scheme in County Tipperary in 2019 and 2020.

Dear Deputy Browne,

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.

The data is not readily available in the manner requested by county but is available by HSE Local Health Office (LHO) for 2019 and 2020. Table 1 details the numbers of dentists that hold contracts with the DTSS in LHO North Tipp/East Limerick and LHO South Tipperary for 2019 and 2020.

Year	LHO North Tipp/East Limerick	LHO South Tipperary
2019	26	24
2020	26	24

There are currently 45 dentists in County Tipperary that hold contracts with the DTSS and are listed in the recent response to PQ 43004.

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
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