



19 December 2022

Deputy Martin Kenny
Dáil Eireann
Leinster House
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PQ 61200/22: To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists employed by the HSE for primary care dental services in counties Leitrim, Sligo, Roscommon, Donegal and Cavan, by year from 2016 to 2022 in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Kenny,

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.


I wish to advise the Deputy that the system does not hold data the number of dentists employed by the HSE by County, but is available by Community Healthcare Organisation and the data for CHOs 1 and 2 from 2017 to Sept 2022 is detailed in the Table below.

| Service/Grade - HSE Only | WTE Dec 17 | WTE Dec 18 | WTE Dec 19 | WTE Dec 20 | WTE Dec 21 | WTE Sep 22 |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| CHO 1 (Consists of Cavan/Monaghan, Donegal, Sligo and Leitrim) | | | | | | |
| Dental Surgeon, General | 17 | 18 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 16 |
| Dental Surgeon, Principal | 3 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 |
| Dental Surgeon, Senior | 7 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 4 |
| Dental Surgeon, Senior Administrative | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| CHO 2 (Consists of Galway, Mayo and Roscommon) | | | | | | |
| Dental Surgeon, General | 14 | 15 | 14 | 14 | 15 | 14 |
| Dental Surgeon, Principal | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Dental Surgeon, Senior | 6 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| Dental Surgeon, Senior Administrative | | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 |

Table 1: Dentist Grade WTE Report HSE Service

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but if you require further clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,



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