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**Deputy Fergus O'Dowd.
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2**

PQ Number 61406/22: To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients seen for emergency care only at HSE dental clinics, broken down by county for each of the past four years; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy O'Dowd,

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 reply.

HSE Dental Services are provided through 17 Dental Areas, all of which continue to provide routine services. The dental service prioritises treatment for people with special care needs, those who are medically compromised and provides emergency care for all eligible patients.

I wish to advise that the system does not hold data in the manner requested. The reported metric is the number of new oral health patients attending for unscheduled assessment for patients aged less than 16 years and those aged 16 years or greater. Appendices 1 and 2 detail KPI data for the HSE Dental Service (for each year 2019 - 2021 and to date 2022).

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

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph Green', written over a horizontal line.

**Joseph Green
AND, National Oral Health Lead - Operations**



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Appendix 1: No. of new oral health patients (aged less than 16 years) attending for unscheduled assessment

CHO	LHO	Q4 2019	Q4 2020	Q4 2021	November 2022
National Total		61,193.0	52,965.0	47,370.0	40,751.0
CHO 1	Total	6,933.0	7,545.0	6,054.0	5,581.0
CHO 1	Cavan Monaghan	2,012.0	1,804.0	1,417.0	1,465.0
CHO 1	Donegal	3,598.0	3,685.0	3,202.0	2,856.0
CHO 1	Sligo Leitrim	1,323.0	2,056.0	1,435.0	1,260.0
CHO 2	Total	2,162.0	1,385.0	1,635.0	1,283.0
CHO 2	Galway	1,019.0	91.0	513.0	195.0
CHO 2	Mayo	535.0	712.0	596.0	651.0
CHO 2	Roscommon	608.0	582.0	526.0	437.0
CHO 3	Total	5,184.0	3,177.0	3,763.0	3,219.0
CHO 3	Clare	1,562.0	846.0	1,044.0	1,031.0
CHO 3	Limerick	1,514.0	1,045.0	1,030.0	621.0
CHO 3	North Tipperary East Limerick	2,108.0	1,286.0	1,689.0	1,567.0

CHO 4	Total	7,751.0	4,614.0	4,808.0	5,108.0
CHO 4	Kerry	1,487.0	935.0	751.0	819.0
CHO 4	North Cork	1,939.0	1,243.0	1,269.0	1,363.0
CHO 4	North Lee	1,746.0	1,043.0	1,390.0	1,471.0
CHO 4	South Lee	1,995.0	1,163.0	1,131.0	1,144.0
CHO 4	West Cork	584.0	230.0	267.0	311.0
CHO 5	Total	7,650.0	6,724.0	5,934.0	4,990.0
CHO 5	Carlow Kilkenny	2,065.0	1,769.0	1,725.0	1,394.0
CHO 5	South Tipperary	1,674.0	1,544.0	1,632.0	1,299.0
CHO 5	Waterford	1,617.0	1,820.0	1,578.0	1,350.0
CHO 5	Wexford	2,294.0	1,591.0	999.0	947.0
CHO 6	Total	3,344.0	3,888.0	3,437.0	2,218.0
CHO 6	Dun Laoghaire/ Dublin South East/Wicklow	3,344.0	3,888.0	3,437.0	2,218.0
CHO 7	Total	11,118.0	10,895.0	7,868.0	5,789.0
CHO 7	Dublin South City	1,474.0	1,103.0	746.0	746.0
CHO 7	Dublin South West	2,742.0	3,109.0	2,062.0	1,676.0
CHO 7	Dublin West	3,661.0	2,634.0	2,394.0	1,922.0
CHO 7	Kildare West Wicklow	3,241.0	4,049.0	2,666.0	1,445.0

CHO 8	Total	8,183.0	7,139.0	5,664.0	6,172.0
CHO 8	Laois Offaly	2,596.0	2,274.0	2,788.0	1,988.0
CHO 8	Longford Westmeath	1,416.0	1,501.0	1,104.0	1,097.0
CHO 8	Louth	2,321.0	1,868.0	986.0	1,811.0
CHO 8	Meath	1,850.0	1,496.0	786.0	1,276.0
CHO 9	Total	8,868.0	7,598.0	8,207.0	6,391.0
CHO 9	Dublin North	3,700.0	2,871.0	2,999.0	2,294.0
CHO 9	Dublin North Central	1,441.0	1,692.0	1,452.0	1,193.0
CHO 9	Dublin North West	3,727.0	3,035.0	3,756.0	2,904.0

Appendix 2: No. of new oral health patients (aged 16 years or greater) attending for unscheduled assessment

CHO	LHO	Q4 2019	Q4 2020	Q4 2021	November 2022
National Total		2,017.0	2,288.0	2,882.0	3,142.0
CHO 1	Total	883.0	1,373.0	1,731.0	1,151.0
CHO 1	Cavan Monaghan	192.0	109.0	81.0	68.0
CHO 1	Donegal	354.0	436.0	329.0	314.0
CHO 1	Sligo Leitrim	337.0	828.0	1,321.0	769.0
CHO 2	Total	99.0	115.0	86.0	87.0
CHO 2	Galway	63.0	1.0	19.0	0.0
CHO 2	Mayo	20.0	44.0	11.0	13.0
CHO 2	Roscommon	16.0	70.0	56.0	74.0
CHO 3	Total	47.0	92.0	45.0	68.0
CHO 3	Clare	12.0	14.0	7.0	33.0
CHO 3	Limerick	15.0	31.0	5.0	14.0
CHO 3	North Tipperary East Limerick	20.0	47.0	33.0	21.0
CHO 4	Total	65.0	62.0	141.0	110.0
CHO 4	Kerry	65.0	62.0	141.0	110.0
CHO 4	North Cork		77.0		

CHO 4	North Lee		2.0		
CHO 4	South Lee		29.0		
CHO 4	West Cork		43.0		
CHO 5	Total	96.0	3.0	106.0	114.0
CHO 5	Carlow Kilkenny	4.0	116.0	7.0	8.0
CHO 5	South Tipperary	16.0	116.0	15.0	12.0
CHO 5	Waterford	53.0	184.0	68.0	80.0
CHO 5	Wexford	23.0	13.0	16.0	14.0
CHO 6	Total	47.0	76.0	89.0	84.0
CHO 6	Dun Laoghaire/ Dublin South East/Wicklow	47.0	58.0	89.0	84.0
CHO 7	Total	175.0	37.0	394.0	246.0
CHO 7	Dublin South City	35.0	57.0	70.0	87.0
CHO 7	Dublin South West	33.0	0.0	72.0	30.0
CHO 7	Dublin West	40.0	0.0	30.0	28.0
CHO 7	Kildare West Wicklow	67.0	28.0	222.0	101.0
CHO 8	Total	505.0	29.0	92.0	525.0
CHO 8	Laois Offaly	4.0	212.0	25.0	236.0

CHO 8	Longford Westmeath	13.0	96.0	1.0	56.0
CHO 8	Louth	82.0	83.0	31.0	134.0
CHO 8	Meath	406.0	33.0	35.0	99.0
CHO 9	Total	100.0	2,288.0	198.0	757.0
CHO 9	Dublin North	69.0	1,373.0	131.0	255.0
CHO 9	Dublin North Central	14.0	109.0	20.0	274.0
CHO 9	Dublin North West	17.0	436.0	47.0	228.0