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Deputy Fergus O'Dowd
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

Re PQ - 62168/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the total number of dentists who are registered to provide services to patients with medical cards in counties Louth and Meath over the years 2019 to date in 2022, in tabular form and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Fergus O'Dowd

Dear Deputy O'Dowd,

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 outlined the position as follows.

The below table provides the total number of dentists who are registered to provide services to patients with medical cards in counties Louth and Meath from 2019 to date in 2022:

YEAR	LOUTH	MEATH
2019	28	33
2020	19	25
2021	15	14
2022	17	8

Currently, there are 25 DTSS contractors providing care to medical card holders in counties Louth and Meath. There have been three new applications to join the scheme within county Meath which are currently being processed.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Des O'Flynn
Chief Officer
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