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**Deputy Alan Kelly
Dáil Eireann
Leinster House
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PQ 10055/22: To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time dentists employed per CHO area in tabular form

Dear Deputy Kelly,

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.

Appendix 1 details the number (WTE) of Dental Surgeons (General, Principal, Senior, Senior Administrative) employed by CHO at year-end 2021.

These dentists are employed in the HSE Dental Service and provide treatment for children aged up to 15 years and children and adults with special care needs.

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.

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 blue ink, appearing to read 'Joe Green', positioned above a horizontal line.

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

Appendix 1:

Employment by Grade Group: Dec 2021
Source: Health Service Personnel Census

Staff Category/Grade	WTE Dec 2021
CHO 1	30.2
Dental Surgeon, General	16.4
Dental Surgeon, Principal	5.9
Dental Surgeon, Senior	6
Dental Surgeon, Senior Administrative	1.9
CHO 2	20.7
Dental Surgeon, General	14.7
Dental Surgeon, Principal	2
Dental Surgeon, Senior	4
CHO 3	22.6
Dental Surgeon, General	13.4
Dental Surgeon, Principal	1
Dental Surgeon, Senior	5.6
Dental Surgeon, Senior Administrative	2.6
CHO 4	41.2
Dental Surgeon, General	26
Dental Surgeon, Principal	4
Dental Surgeon, Senior	8.8
Dental Surgeon, Senior Administrative	2.4
CHO 5	30.3
Dental Surgeon, General	19.6
Dental Surgeon, Principal	3
Dental Surgeon, Senior	6.4
Dental Surgeon, Senior Administrative	1.3
CHO 6	18.2
Dental Surgeon, General	11.2
Dental Surgeon, Principal	1
Dental Surgeon, Senior	3.4
Dental Surgeon, Senior Administrative	2.6
CHO 7	32.4
Dental Surgeon, General	22.3
Dental Surgeon, Principal	2
Dental Surgeon, Senior	3.4
Dental Surgeon, Senior Administrative	4.7

CHO 8	26.4
Dental Surgeon, General	15.9
Dental Surgeon, Principal	2.4
Dental Surgeon, Senior	4.4
Dental Surgeon, Senior Administrative	3.7
CHO 9	28.3
Dental Surgeon, General	18.9
Dental Surgeon, Principal	3
Dental Surgeon, Senior	3.6
Dental Surgeon, Senior Administrative	2.8
Total WTE	250.3