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Deputy Michael Healy-Rae, TD, Dáil Éireann, Dublin 2.

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"To ask the Minister for Health if a list of all dentists in County Kerry that are accepting medical card holders can be furnished."

Dear Deputy Healy-Rae

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.

The Primary Care Dental services team provides dental treatment services to eligible children, medical card holders, adults and children with special needs and others in the care of the HSE at various locations throughout Cork and Kerry. Children under 16 years of age are treated in HSE dental clinics and adults are treated by private dental practitioners contracted to the Health Services under the Dental Treatment Services Scheme (DTSS).

There are particular issues with the HSE dental service for adults i.e. the Dental Treatment Services Scheme (DTSS). This issue is a nationwide problem and is not unique to Kerry. A significant number of private general dental practitioners (GDP`s) have resigned from the Scheme and many of the general dental practitioners still operating the scheme have restricted access and are seeing existing patients only.

Please find attached (appendix 1) a list of all dentists in Co. Kerry that are operating the DTSS. However, in carrying out usual daily duties efforts of the Principal Dental Surgeon's office in Tralee in assisting medical card holders with sourcing appointments reveals that at this current time there appears to be no dentist in Kerry accepting new medical card holders beyond their existing cohort of patients.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Priscilla Lynch Head of Service - Primary Care, Cork Kerry Community Healthcare

Appendix 1

Alanna	Maharaj	Ardfert Medical Center	Farranwilliam	Ardfert	Co. Kerry
Anne	Kelly	Medical & Dental Centre	Park Road	Killarney	Co. Kerry
Aoife	Ni Chonchubhair	MacDomhnaill Dental	49 Sraid na Carraige	Tra Li	Co Chiarrai V93 Y8D4
Avril	O'Connell	Dental Surgery	150 Main Street	Castleisland	Co. Kerry
Bryan	Long	Ionad Fiaclóireachta	Upper Main Street	Dingle	Co. Kerry
Caitriona	Ahern	Aherns Dental Practice	5 Mill Road	Killorglin	Co Kerry, V93 XR86
Caroline	O'Brien	O'Brien Dental	59 Boherbee	Tralee	Co Kerry V92 AY27
Catherine	O'Connor	Dental Practice	Langford Street	Killorglin	Co. Kerry
Colette	Brassil	Colette Brassil Dental Surgery	25 Pembroke Street	Tralee	Co. Kerry
David	Clancy	Torc View Dental Practice	Park Road	Killarney	Co. Kerry
Declan	Fuller	Silverton Dental Centre	St. Anne's Road	Co. Kerry	
Derval	O'Connell	Dental Surgery	150 Main Street	Castleisland	Co. Kerry
Gerard	Hill	The Ashe Street Clinic	Tralee	Co. Kerry	
John	O'Flynn	Cedarville Medical & Dental Centre	Abbeyfeale	Co. Limerick	
Katie	Gleeson-O'Connor	Dental Surgery	4 St. Anthony's Place	Killarney	Co. Kerry
Margaret	Corkery-Johnson	Upper Main Street	Dingle	Co. Kerry	
Margaret	Riordan	7 Church Street	Milltown	Co. Kerry	
Martina	Riordan	M & M Riordan Dental Practice	19 Church Street	Caherciveen	Co. Kerry
Marty	Stokes	Stokes Dental Practice	Carraward West	Dromcollogher	Co. Limerick
Michelle	Frost	M & M Riordan Dental Practice	19 Church Street	Caherciveen	Co. Kerry
Nikitas	Nomikos	Park Village Medical Centre	Park Road	Killarney	Co. Kerry
Susan	Crean	MacDomhnaill Dental Surgery	49 Sraid na Carraige	Tra Li	Co Chiarrai V93 Y8D4
Susan	Gleeson	Dental Surgery	4 St. Anthony's Place	Killarney	Co. Kerry
Thomas	Twomey	34 Ashe Street	Tralee	Co. Kerry	
Timothy	Lynch	Tim Lynch Dental Surgery	Langford Street	Killorglin	Co.Kerry