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To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists in County Mayo who are on the medical card dental scheme; the number who are accepting new patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Dillon,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Representation. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

There are currently 12 practices in Mayo who operate under the Dental Treatment Service Scheme (DTSS). The HSE dental department is aware that the dental contractors that remain in the DTSS are inundated and many are advising that they are at capacity right now. They have also advised that they are seeing the patients already registered with them. Therefore there may be a delay before practices can take on new patients.

The online approval system indicates that contractors are continuing to see patients under the scheme.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,


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