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Eagraíocht Cúram Sláinte Pobail Lár Tire,  
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Ms Patricia Ryan T.D.,  
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Re: Parliamentary Question – 29949/22

To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists who have left the dental treatment services scheme in the past year in County Laois; the number that are left; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Patricia Ryan

Dear Deputy Ryan,

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 I outline the position as follows.

The number of dentists who have left the dental treatment services scheme since 2020 in County Laois is 14. There is one DTSS dentist and one Dental Technician in Co. Laois.

The HSE Dental public service sees medical card holders for emergency treatment only.

The fees for dental treatment under the DTSS were increased by 30 to 40% depending on type of treatment since the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2022, unfortunately there have been no new registrations of any dentists or technicians to the DTSS in the Midlands since this date.

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

Yours sincerely,

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