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**PQ 11547/22**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists in County Wexford who are accepting medical card patients; if he is satisfied with the provision of dental care in County Wexford for medical card holders; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Howlin,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

*I have reviewed the matter and the following outlines the current position.*

Persons with medical card eligibility and other eligible persons can access dental treatment through the Dental Treatment Services Scheme (DTSS).


An updated list of participating dentists in the DTSS Scheme in Wexford can be obtained by contacting the Primary Care Unit in Lacken, Kilkenny on 05677 84234 who will provide assistance in this regard. This list is updated regularly following the HSE's annual request for documentation for current registration. Unfortunately there is no process for the HSE to ensure Dentists accept medical cardholders as patients.

Currently the number of dentists that hold contracts for the DTSS in Co. Wexford is 20.

Over the past year in the South East Community Healthcare area, a number of dentists have withdrawn from the DTSS Scheme; the relevant Principal Dental Surgeon and the Primary Care Reimbursement Service (PCRS) are advised of all exits.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anna Marie Lanigan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

**Anna Marie Lanigan**  
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