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**Deputy Sean Crowe
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Leinster House
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PQ 11667/22: To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists operating within the dental treatment services scheme per CHO area in each year for the past four years in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Crowe,

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.

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.

The number of dentists that hold HSE Dental Treatment Service Scheme contracts is not available by CHO as requested but is available by Local Health Office (LHO). The data is detailed in the attached Excel Sheet by LHO for each of the year 2017 to 2021 and to date in 2022. (Note: contractors who have resigned but are still serving their 3 months' notice period are included in the list as they are required to participate in the scheme for this period.)

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 black ink, appearing to read 'Joe Green', written over a horizontal line.

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