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**Deputy Verona Murphy  
Dáil Eireann  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2**

**PQ 25060/22: To ask the Minister for Health the total number of dentists currently operating under the dental treatment services scheme; the number of dentists who operated under the scheme in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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 data requested is detailed in the table below for end of year 2019 and to date in 2022. The difference in the number of contractors between each year include resignations/retirements and new entrants to the scheme.

<b>Year (End Q4)</b>	<b>No. of DTSS Contract Holders</b>
2019	1490
2022	1082

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but if you require further clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

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