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**Deputy John Brady
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PQ 25512/22: To ask the Minister for Health the number of independent dental practices that are signed up to the dental treatment services scheme for the past five years in tabular form, broken down by CHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Brady,

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 contracted dentists over the last 5 years is not available by CHO but is available by LHO and is detailed in the attached Excel Sheet. The difference in the number of contractors between each year include resignations/retirements and new entrants to the scheme.

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

Yours Sincerely,

**Joseph Green
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