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**PQ 26480/22**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists who have left the dental treatment services scheme in the past six months in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

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**PQ 26481/22**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists who are partaking in the dental treatment services scheme in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**Dear Deputy Mythen,**

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which were 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).

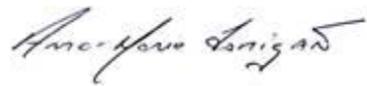
The list of participating dentists in the DTSS Scheme is updated regularly following the HSE's annual request for documentation for current registration. Unfortunately there is no process for the HSE to ensure Dentists accept medical cardholders as patients.

I can confirm that 2 dentists have resigned from the DTSS in Co. Wexford with an exit date within the last six months.

18 dentists are currently participating in DTSS in Wexford (2 of these dentists come under the remit of the Wexford Area but have an address in Co. Wicklow).

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, appearing to read "Anna Marie Lanigan".

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**Anna Marie Lanigan**  
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