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PQ 55461/22: To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent dental radiographers employed by the HSE in 2021 and to date in 2022; the locations where these radiographers are located in tabular form; 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.

The number of whole-time equivalent (WTE) dental radiographers employed by the HSE in 2021 and to date in 2022, including location, is detailed in the table below.

	2021	2022
WTE	1	0
Location	Regional Orthodontic Unit, St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin.	

Table 1: Dental Radiographers employed by the HSE 2021-2022

It should be noted that all registered dentists and orthodontists can take radiographs and also a qualified dental nurse with training in dental radiography can take radiographs, under the direction of a registered dentist and orthodontist, as well as fulfilling other duties.

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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