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Deputy Michael McNamara
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare St., Dublin 2

Re: PO 52574/22 – “To ask the Minister for Health the number of public-only dentists working in Co. Clare in 2006, 2011, 2016, 2021 and in October 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter”.

Dear Deputy McNamara,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

I am outlining below the number of dentists in Co. Clare who were employed directly by the HSE during the years outlined in your request:

Year	WTEs = Wholetime Equivalents	No. of persons employed to fill WTEs
2006*	10.2	13
2011	9.2	12
2016	8.2	11
2021	6.8	9
2022 (up to October)	7.4	9

(*based on information available to us at this time)

Please note that Dental Surgeons employed directly by the HSE provide dental treatment to school going children (via school checks when children are in first/second class and again in sixth class while attending Primary School) and adults with special needs only.

I trust this information addresses the issues raised in your representation.

Yours sincerely,

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