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Deputy Fergus O'Dowd,
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

Re: PQ 42347/22 - To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on dentists who have re registered if any to provide services to medical card holders in counties Louth and Meath since the recent announcement on improved contracts for the services; and if he will make a statement on the matter – Fergus O'Dowd

Dear Deputy O'Dowd,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Representation, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outlined the position as follows.

Number of dentists resigned from DTSS	Year
18	2020
3	2021

Currently, there are 23 DTSS contractors providing care to medical care holders in counties Louth and Meath. To date, of those of have resigned from the scheme as listed above, none have returned to the scheme since the amendments to the contract. However, there has been two new applications to join the scheme within counties Louth and Meath which are currently being processed.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Anne Kennedy
Acting Chief Officer
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