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Deputy Martin Browne
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PQ 43504/22: To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time senior dental surgeons for special needs working in CHO areas 3+5 in each of the years 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if this number will be further increased. -

Dear Deputy Browne,

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.

Following engagement with the relevant Community Healthcare Organisations (CHOs), the following table outlines the current position for the number of Senior Dental Surgeons for special needs working in CHO 3 and CHO 5. Please note the information is provided in Whole Time Equivalents i.e. 1 WTE = 1 full time.

CHO Area	2020	2021	2023
CHO3			
Limerick/Clare/North Tipperary	2.6	2.6	2.6
CHO 5			
South Tipperary	0.8	0.8	0.8
Kilkenny/Carlow	0	0	1 Vacancy - Post has been advertised twice, currently not filled
Waterford/Wexford	0.8	0.8	0

Table 1: No. of WTE Senior Dental Surgeons

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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