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**Deputy Róisín Shortall
Dáil Eireann
Leinster House
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PQ 46359/22: To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists who have left the dental treatment services scheme since 2015, by LHO and year, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Shortall,

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.

Adult medical card holders have access to dental services under the Dental Treatment Services Scheme (DTSS) through care provided by private dentists that hold DTSS contracts with the HSE.

Data analysis on DTSS resignations commenced week beginning 6th March 2020 and is not available as requested. The data that is available is detailed in the attached Excel Workbook. Sheet 1 details resignations by LHO for each of the years 2020-2021 and to date in 2022. Sheet 2 details the number of DTSS contractors by LHO for each of the years 2015 – 2021 and to date in 2022. The difference in the number of contractors between each year include resignations/retirements and new entrants to the scheme.

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
AND, National Oral Health Lead - Operations**