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**PQ 17556/23**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of public only dentists in or serving County Carlow; the number of dentists in Carlow participating in the dental treatment services scheme/medical card scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Murnane O'Connor,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

*I have examined the matter and the following response outlines the current position.*

Persons with medical card eligibility and other eligible persons can access dental treatment through the Dental Treatment Services Scheme (DTSS). All medical card holders are entitled to specific dental treatments: dental examination, two fillings in each calendar year, extractions as necessary.

Currently the number of dentists that hold contracts for the DTSS in Co. Carlow is 7 within 5 practices.

I am attaching the updated list of participating dentists in the DTSS Scheme in Carlow for your convenience. Any queries on same can be directed to the Primary Care Unit in Lacken, Kilkenny on 056 7784234 who will provide assistance in this regard.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anna Marie Lanigan".

**Anna Marie Lanigan**  
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