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**Deputy John Brady
Leinster House
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PQ Number 18033/23: To ask the Minister for Health the number of independent dental practices that signed up to the dental treatment services scheme in each of the past five years, broken down by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Brady,

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 reply.

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

The number of dentists participating in the DTSS is available by HSE Local Health Office (LHO) region, and not by County as requested, and is detailed in the attached Excel spreadsheet for year end 2018 to year end 2022 and to date in 2023.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but if you require further clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nader Farvardin', written over a light blue horizontal line.

**Nader Farvardin,
Interim AND, National Oral Health Lead - Operations**