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**PQ 2917/23: To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists on the dental treatment services scheme at the end of each of the years 2017 to 2022, by LHO in tabular form; the number of dentists who submitted claims or were otherwise paid under the scheme in each full year; the number of claims that were made in each full year; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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.

The number of dentists participating in the DTSS at the end of each of the years 2017 to 2022, by LHO is detailed in the attached Excel Sheet. The difference in the number of contractors between each year include resignations/retirements and new entrants to the scheme. (Note: contractors who have resigned but are still serving their 3 months notice period are included in the list as they are required to participate in the scheme for this period.)


The number of dentists who submitted claims under the Dental Treatment Services Scheme by LHO and the number of claims that were made in each of the years 2017 to 2022 is detailed in the table below. Data on the number of private contractors who submitted claims is only available from October 2020.

Year End	Number of Private Dentists who submitted claims	Total No. of treatments	No. of Persons treated
2017		1,194,730	413,111
2018		1,113,774	389,791
2019		1,049,293	374,408
2020	815 (December 2020)	790,727	282,796
2021	689 (December 2021)	760,047	264,395
2022	634 (December 2022)	815,346	256,768

Table 1: DTSS Data 2017 – 2022

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

Yours Sincerely,



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