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**Deputy Róisín Shortall
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Leinster House
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PQ 36502/23: To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists participating in the dental treatment services scheme, by CHO and LHO, 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.

Dental Treatment is made available to medical card holders over the age of 16 through the Dental Treatment Services Scheme (DTSS). Dentists who hold a contract with the Scheme provide a range of treatments which are funded by the HSE. Patients may attend any of the contracted dentists – the list is available at local HSE Dental clinics and online at HSE Primary Care Reimbursement Service (PCRS) Online Services..

The number of dentists participating in the DTSS at the end July 2023, 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)

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

Yours Sincerely,

**Dr Anne M O'Neill,
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