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To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE Orthodontists employed by the HSE in CHO5 in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Smith

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.

Number of people in post in SECH (formerly CHO 5)	Specialist Orthodontists (WTE)	Consultant Orthodontists (WTE)	Senior Dentist (WTE)
2021 Q2	3.5	1	1
2022 Q2	2.97	1	0*
2023 as of 16/6/23	2.6	1	1

*Postholder on long-term sick leave

Please be assured that the HSE orthodontic service monitors the waiting list on an ongoing basis in the overall context of available resources and prioritisation criteria.

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

Yours sincerely,

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