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**Deputy David Cullinane
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45853/23: To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists on the dental treatment services scheme at the end of September for each year 2019-2023 by LHO in tabular form; the number of dentists who submitted claims and the total number of claims in; 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, the number of dentists who submitted claims (available only from 2021) and the total number of claims (treatments) at the end of September for the years 2019 to 2023, by LHO are 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,

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