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PQ 37743/23: To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 773 of 13 July 2023, the number of staff working in the HSE orthodontic service in counties Cavan and Monaghan; the grade of the staff working in these regional services; and the staff vacancies in each of these regional services, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Tully,

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.

It should be noted that the data is not available as requested but is provided for the regional orthodontic unit which covers the Counties Meath, Cavan, Louth and Monaghan. Below outlines the number of staff working in the regional service; the grade of the staff working in the regional service; and the staff vacancies in the regional service.

	Meath/Cavan	Louth/Monaghan
Post	WTE	WTE
Consultant	1 (Vacant)*	
Specialist Orthodontist	2.2	2.2 (1 Vacant)
Dental Nurse	4.5	2
Hygienist	0.6 (Vacant)	1
Grade IV	1	0.8
Grade III	0.6	
Total	8.9	6

* The consultant post is a regional post and covers all four counties

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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