



Oifig um Cheannasaí Seirbhíse do Chúram Príomhúil
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Deputy Duncan Smith
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Re: PQ 37980/23 - "To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE dentists employed by the HSE , working in Primary Care Centres within the CHO3 in the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023 in tabular form."

Dear Deputy Smith,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Principal Dental Surgeon for CHO3 has confirmed the following details regarding the number (WTE) of Dental Surgeons (inclusive of all Dental Surgeon grades) employed by the HSE across the HSE Mid West (CHO3) area (i.e. Limerick, Clare and Nth. Tipperary):

Year	Total number (WTE) of Dental Surgeons employed by the HSE across the CHO3 area
2020	24.1
2021	23.6
2022	24.1
2023	23.7

I trust this information addresses the issues raised in your representation.

Yours sincerely,

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