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**PQ 38552/23** – *“To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE specialist periodontists and implant dentists employed by the HSE in CHO9 in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form”* – **Catherine Murphy TD**

Dear Deputy Murphy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC) Dental team currently do not employ any Specialist Periodontists or Implant Specialists.

The Public Dental Service (PDS) provides children under 16 with an emergency dental service, and some dental and orthodontic services through a school programme. Care is also provided for special care patients, these are adult patients who may need extra support to get dental care.

Free dental services are available to adults over 16 years with a medical card through the Dental Treatment Service Scheme (DTSS) however this does not cover for specialist periodontal treatment or implants.

Please find information about:

- Dental and Orthodontic Services CHO DNCC: <https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/1/lho/dubncentral/dental-and-orthodontic-services/>
- HSE Dental services and treatments: [www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/2/dental/](http://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/2/dental/).
- Dental expenses under the taxation system is available at: [www.revenue.ie/en/personal-tax-credits-reliefs-and-exemptions/health-and-age/health-expenses/dental-expenses.aspx](http://www.revenue.ie/en/personal-tax-credits-reliefs-and-exemptions/health-and-age/health-expenses/dental-expenses.aspx)

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

Yours sincerely,

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