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**Deputy David Cullinane  
Dáil Eireann  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2**

**40831/23: To ask the Minister for Health the numbers of patients who have been treated under the dental treatment service scheme for the years 2014, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; 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.

Dental Treatment is made available to medical card holders over the age of 16 through the Dental Treatment Services Scheme (DTSS). Dentists who hold a contract with the Scheme provide a range of treatments which are funded by the HSE. Patients may attend any of the contracted dentists – the list is available at local HSE Dental clinics and online at HSE Primary Care Reimbursement Service (PCRS) Online Services.

The table below outlines the numbers of patients who have been treated under the dental treatment service scheme the years 2014, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form.

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of patients who have been treated under the DTSS</b>
2014	436,433
2020	282,796
2021	264,395
2022	256,768
2023 (YTD September 2023)	228,216

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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