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RE:PQ 18645/24

"To ask the Minister for Health Health the number of dentists in Galway city and county treating patients under the medical card scheme; the number of these accepting new patients at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter"

Dear Deputy Ó'Cuív,

I refer to your Parliamentary Question in relation to the number of dentists in Galway City and County treating patients under the Dental Treatment Services Scheme (DTSS) and the number of dentists who are accepting new patients at present.

As of June 2024 there were 56 DTSS contracts held for the Galway city and county area. Of these 56, 55 are held by dentists and one by a clinical dental technician who is registered for the provision of denture services only. It is not possible to provide information on those who are currently in a position to accept new patients as this relates to the availability of appointments at each practice on a daily basis.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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