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Mr. Alan Kelly TD,
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PQ 28955/24

To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE Orthodontists by grade, working within Primary Care Service in CHO5 in 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024 in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Kelly,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

GRADE	NUMBER WTEs IN POST END Q2 2022	NUMBER WTEs IN POST END Q2 2023	NUMBER WTEs IN POST END Q2 2024
Consultant Orthodontist	1.0	1.0	1.0
Specialist Orthodontist	3.2	2.6	2.6
Senior Clinical Dentist	1.0	1.0	0

There is currently 1.0 Consultant vacancy, 2.6 Specialist vacancy and 1.0 Senior Dentist vacancy. There have been ongoing campaigns to recruit. It is challenging to recruit consultant orthodontists both nationally and internationally.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Goff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

Paul Goff
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