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

PQ 10781/24: To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists contracted to the DTSS per CHO area, 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.

Adult medical card holders have access to dental services under the Dental Treatment Services Scheme (DTSS) through care provided by private dentists that hold DTSS contracts with the HSE. The DTSS is a “choice of dentist” scheme which does not require the patient to register with a particular dentist and enables medical card holders to attend any DTSS contractor directly without recourse to the HSE.

The number of dentists contracted to the DTSS by CHO area is detailed in table below as requested.

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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DTSS Contractors Jan 2024	
	2024
Community Healthcare Organisation	January
National	923
DTSS Contracts assigned to HSE *	118
DTSS Contracts paid through PCERS	805
CHO Area 1	116
LHO 13 - Cavan / Monaghan	54
LHO 19 - Donegal	48
LHO 20 - Sligo / Leitrim / West Cavan	14
CHO Area 2	91
LHO 16 - Galway	58
LHO 17 - Mayo	25
LHO 18 - Roscommon	8
CHO Area 3	79
LHO 21 - Clare	13
LHO 22 - North Tipp./East Limerick	20
LHO 23 - Limerick	46
CHO Area 4	225
LHO 24 - South Lee	65
LHO 25 - North Lee	85
LHO 26 - West Cork	18
LHO 27 - Kerry	25
LHO 28 - North Cork	32
CHO Area 5	84
LHO 29 - Carlow/Kilkenny	20
LHO 30 - Waterford	26
LHO 31 - South Tipperary	23
LHO 32 - Wexford	15
CHO Area 6	38
LHO 1 - Dun Laoghaire	13
LHO 2 - Dublin South East	7
LHO 7 - Wicklow	18



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CHO Area 7	117
LHO 3 - Dublin South City	28
LHO 4 - Dublin South West	36
LHO 5 - Dublin West	17
LHO 6 - Kildare / West Wicklow	36
CHO Area 8	83
LHO 14 - Louth	19
LHO 15 - Meath	17
LHO 8 - Laois / Offaly	13
LHO 9 - Longford / Westmeath	34
CHO Area 9	90
LHO 10 - Dublin North West	31
LHO 11 - Dublin North Central	28
LHO 12 - Dublin North	31
N.B. HSE Dental Service have a number of DTSS contracts in place to enable special care adults be provided with service and medical card prescriptions without charge.	