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PQ 19988/25:

To ask the Minister for Health the number of independent dental practices who are currently signed up to the dental treatment services scheme in Wicklow and to provide a list of dental practices accepting medical card patients; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Brady,

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 for patients, 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. Dentists choose to join the DTSS depending on their own clinical and business arrangements. As there are no obligations on dentists to join the scheme, this limits the options to recruit additional dentists to the scheme.

The DTSS contract contains an obligation on the HSE to publish a list of dentists who hold contracts. Contracted dentists are obliged to provide three months’ notice when resigning their contract, as a result the list is subject to change on a daily basis. The contract list is not yet available digitally for patients, each dental area makes the updated list of contractors available on request.

There are 15 dentists on the Dental Treatment Services Scheme with addresses specifically in Wicklow as at 13th May 2025 detailed in the table below, bearing in mind that the list is subject to regular change. Please note that patients may choose to attend any contractor, which may include dentists in surrounding areas.



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**The Primary Care Reimbursement Service (PCRS) List of DTSS Contractors
(accessed online 13/05/2025)**

Forename	Surname	Address
Aoife	Egan	Wicklow
Marian Catherine	Murray	Wicklow
Kevin George	Kenefick	Wicklow
Simon Alan.	Carlyle	Bray Wicklow
Giridmar	Govardan	Co Wicklow
Jonathan Joseph	Fisher	Co.Wicklow
Ligia	Mcgill	Dargle Road Bray Wicklow
Niamh	Basquille	Quinsborough Road Bray Wicklow
Ronan	Kavanagh	Arklow Wicklow
John	Foley	Wicklow
Danielle	Doyle	Wicklow Town Co. Wicklow
Giridhar	Govardan	Main Street Aughrim Wicklow
John	Prida	Arklow Co Wicklow
John	Prida	Aughrim Co. Wicklow
Mohammed	Shirin	Bray Co Wicklow

The number of dentists claiming per month has remained relatively stable. As dental practices are increasingly busy, DTSS contractors may have limited capacity to take on new patients. Availability of appointments fluctuates according to the daily capacity of the practices, with additional capacity limited to the number of clinicians and clinical hours worked within the practice.

Oral healthcare services for adults are included in the reorientation of services described in Smile Agus Sláinte (National Oral Health Policy) – the implementation of which is included in priorities and funding from budget 2025.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but if you require further clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

Anne O'Neill

Assistant National Director, Oral Health