

11th February 2025.

Mr. Eoghan Kenny., T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2.

PQ ref 2841/25

"To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists currently working in primary care centres in Cork north central; and if he will make a statement on the matter".

Dear Deputy Kenny,

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

The HSE Primary Care Dental Service provides dental treatment to eligible children, adults and children with special care needs and others in the care of the HSE at various locations throughout Cork and Kerry. Children under 16 years of age, and the special care needs patient cohort, are treated in HSE dental clinics. Adult medical card holders are treated by private dental practitioners contracted to operate the Dental Treatment Services Scheme (DTSS).

The following is the whole time equivalent number of dentists across North Lee and North Cork who are based in Primary Care locations.

North Cork:	7.8 WTE
North Lee:	10.6 WTE

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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