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**Deputy Padraig Rice
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PQ 5195/25:

To ask the Minister for Health the total number of patients on a waiting list for treatment under the dental treatment services scheme at the end of each quarter in each of the years since 2019, by wait time, CHO and LHO, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Rice,

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. As 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 HSE does not hold data on the number of patients on a waiting list for treatment under the dental treatment services scheme.

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

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