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7th August 2025 Deputy John Clendennen Dáil Éireann Leinster House Dublin 2

Re: PQ 39691/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of public dentists working within the school dental scheme in Offaly, in each of the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 to date, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Clendennen

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. I have examined the matter and outlined the position as follows.

The number of Dental Surgeons in the HSE Public Dental Service in Co Offaly in each of the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 to date, in tabular form is:

| Year | Number of Dentists | WTE |
|------|---------------------------|-----|
| 2022 | 4 | 3.6 |
| 2023 | 2 | 2.0 |
| 2024 | 1 | 0.8 |
| 2025 | 2 | 1.5 |

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

Yours sincerely,



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