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Ruairí Ó Murchú, TD

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PQ 40846/25 (Health) – To ask the Minister for Health the number of dental nurses that are currently on panels awaiting a job offer - Ruairí Ó Murchú

Dear Deputy,

I refer to your recent Parliamentary Question which was sent to the HSE for response.

Within the Pay and Numbers Strategy issued in July 2024, each of the HSE Health Regions and each national service have been allocated their own specified number of WTEs, and can within that approved number, replace, recruit and prioritise posts etc. This system is not collated centrally thus National HR have no visibility of the number of applicants on these panels awaiting a job offer.

However, I can provide to you as set out in **Appendix 1**, generated from [Workforce reporting - HSE.ie](https://www.hse.ie/workforce-reporting) dental census figures from 2019 to June 2025, which shows an increase of 54 Dental Nurses WTE in employment since 2019.

I trust this is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Mairéad Ryan
National HR

Appendix 1.

Dental Nurses by Region: 2019 Jun 2025	WTE Dec 2019	WTE Jun 2025	HC Dec 2019	HC Jun 2025	WTE Change since Dec 2019
Total Dental Nurses	430	485	550	617	54
Dental Nurse	69	70	86	90	1
Dental Nurse, Senior	8	14	11	16	6
HSE Dublin & Northeast	77	84	97	106	7
Dental Nurse	85	70	101	82	-15
Dental Nurse, Senior	14	13	15	13	-1
HSE Dublin & Midlands	99	83	116	95	-16
Dental Nurse	61	96	97	139	35
Dental Nurse, Senior	18	18	26	26	0
HSE Dublin & Southeast	79	114	123	165	35
Dental Nurse	61	81	83	110	20
Dental Nurse, Senior	11	18	14	22	7
HSE Southwest	72	99	97	132	27
Dental Nurse	29	30	33	34	1
Dental Nurse, Senior	6	4	7	4	-2
HSE Midwest	35	34	40	38	-1
Dental Nurse	58	55	66	65	-2
Dental Nurse, Senior	11	16	11	16	5
HSE West & Northwest	68	71	77	81	3