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Deputy Cathy Bennet

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**Re: PQ ref 41094/25 “To ask the Minister for Health the number of dental positions in County Monaghan, including the number vacant, by quarter since 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter.”**

Dear Deputy Bennett

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 the following outlines the position of Integrated Healthcare Area Dental Service Cavan Monaghan.

| Post                   | WTE | Base location                               | Current Status | Comment                                | Vacancy Breakdown    |         |         |         |                |                |              |
|------------------------|-----|---|----------------|--|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
|                        |     |   |                |  | Q1-Q4 2023           | Q1 2024 | Q2 2024 | Q3 2024 | Q4 2024        | Q1 2025        | Q2 2025      |
| General Dental Surgeon | 0.6 | North Monaghan Primary Care Centre Monaghan | Filled         |  | Filled               |         |         |         |                |                |              |
| General Dental Surgeon | 1.0 | Carrickmacross Primary Care Centre Monaghan | Filled         | Was 0.8 WTE until May 2025 now 1 WTE   | Vacant               | Vacant  | Vacant  | Vacant  | Filled 0.8 WTE | Filled 0.8 WTE | Filled 1 WTE |
| General Dental Surgeon | 1.0 | Carrickmacross Primary Care Centre Monaghan | Filled         | On maternity leave until February 2026 | Filled               |         |         |         |                |                |              |
| Dental Hygienist       | 1.0 | North Monaghan Primary Care Centre Monaghan | Vacant         | Recruitment campaign to begin shortly  | Filled               | Filled  | Filled  | Filled  | Vacant         | Vacant         | Vacant       |
| General Dental Surgeon | 0.8 | North Monaghan Primary Care Centre Monaghan | Vacant         | Post offered to panel, accepted.       | New development post |         |         |         |                |                |              |
| Senior Dental Nurse    | 1.0 | North Monaghan Primary Care Centre Monaghan | Filled         |  | Filled               | Filled  | Filled  | Vacant  | Vacant         | Vacant         | Filled       |



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|--------------|-----|---|--------|---|--------|--------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------|
| Dental Nurse | 0.6 | North Monaghan Primary Care Centre Monaghan | Filled |   | Filled |        |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |        |
| Dental Nurse | 0.8 | North Monaghan Primary Care Centre Monaghan | Filled |   | Filled |        |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |        |
| Dental Nurse | 0.6 | Carrickmacross Primary Care Centre Monaghan | Filled |   | Filled |        |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |        |
| Dental Nurse | 0.9 | Carrickmacross Primary Care Centre Monaghan | Vacant | 0.5 WTE post in Cavan – retired to be merged with 0.4 days from another staff member and post moved to Carrickmacross | Filled | Filled | 0.5 WTE post vacant Cavan | 0.5 WTE post vacant Cavan | 0.5 WTE post vacant Cavan | 0.5 WTE post vacant Cavan | 0.5 WTE post vacant Cavan |        |
| Dental Nurse | 0.8 | North Monaghan Primary Care Centre Monaghan | Vacant | Recently vacant, request for approval to fill submitted.  |        | Filled | Filled                    | Filled                    | Filled                    | Filled                    | Filled                    | Vacant |

At present the HSE is actively recruiting vacant posts in the Cavan Monaghan Dental department.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely

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