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Mr. Thomas Gould, T.D.,  
Dáil Éireann,  
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**"To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists registered to provide GMS services in Cork in each of the years 2019 to 2024, and to date in 2025, in tabular form."**

Dear Deputy Gould,

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, medical card holders, adults and children with special needs and others in the care of the HSE at various locations throughout Cork and Kerry. Children under 16 years of age are treated in HSE dental clinics and adults are treated by private dental practitioners contracted to the Health Services under the Dental Treatment Services Scheme (DTSS).

Below is a table which outlines number of dentists with assigned panel number in the DTSS scheme from 2019 to 2025.

	<b>May 2025</b>	<b>May 2024</b>	<b>May 2023</b>	<b>May 2022</b>	<b>May 2021</b>	<b>May 2020</b>	<b>May 2019</b>
<b>South Lee</b>	63	60	82	89	98	108	107
<b>North Lee</b>	81	81	106	111	112	108	113
<b>West Cork</b>	19	19	27	27	28	29	29
<b>North Cork</b>	29	28	31	35	37	37	38

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

Yours sincerely,

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