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PQ 42571/25: To ask the Minister for Health the total number of patients treated under the dental treatment services scheme, in 2024 and to date in 2025

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.

The HSE makes dental services available to adults with full eligibility through the Dental Treatment Services Scheme, which enables medical card holders to attend contracted dentists- the scheme has a list of treatment items which are funded through the scheme.

The total number of patients treated under the dental treatment services scheme, in 2024 and to date in 2025 is detailed in the table below.

Year	Number of Unique Patients Treated
2024	300,976
2025 (July YTD)	207,965

Oral healthcare services for adults are included in the reorientation of services described in Smile Agus Sláinte (National Oral Health Policy) – the implementation of which is included in priorities and funding from budget 2025.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but if you require further clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

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