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**Deputy Pádraig Rice  
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Leinster House  
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**PQ 42572/25:**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of children seen by the school dental screening service, in each regional health area and integrated healthcare area, in 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form.**

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 Health Services Executive delivers dental services to children under the age of 16, provided through 17 Dental Areas, all of which continue to provide routine services. The school dental service provides examination and any necessary preventive and restorative treatment noted at examination. The programme commences with 6th class and follows with 2nd and 4<sup>th</sup> - depending on available resources. As part of targeting of resources, each dental service maintains a commitment to urgent/emergency treatment for the relief of pain, infection, and the sequelae of trauma.

I wish to advise the Deputy that the data is not available as requested. Appendix 1 provides KPI data on the total number of dental examinations undertaken within the Community Dental Service in 2024 and to date in 2025 for those who are participating in a targeted programme by Health Region and Dental Area. Oral healthcare services for adults and children 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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## Appendix 1

Total no. of new oral health patients in target groups attending for scheduled assessment		Q4 2024	YTD June 2025
<b>National Total</b>		106964	49136
HSE Dublin & Midlands	<b>Total</b>	19270	8464
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Dublin South City	3168	1307
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Dublin South West	3233	1480
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Dublin West	4638	1864
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Kildare West Wicklow	4295	1826
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Laois Offaly	1597	848
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Longford Westmeath	2339	1139
HSE Dublin & North East	<b>Total</b>	27942	13112
HSE Dublin & North East	Cavan Monaghan	3046	1197
HSE Dublin & North East	Dublin North	6962	3495
HSE Dublin & North East	Dublin North Central	3662	1245
HSE Dublin & North East	Dublin North West	6289	3268
HSE Dublin & North East	Louth	4100	1893
HSE Dublin & North East	Meath	3883	2014
HSE Dublin & South East	<b>Total</b>	18935	9133
HSE Dublin & South East	Carlow Kilkenny	2746	1266
HSE Dublin & South East	Dun Laoghaire	5996	2854
HSE Dublin & South East	South Tipperary	5078	2725
HSE Dublin & South East	Waterford	2886	1319
HSE Dublin & South East	Wexford	2229	969
HSE Mid West	<b>Total</b>	6258	2791
HSE Mid West	Clare	2447	1149
HSE Mid West	Limerick	2198	735
HSE Mid West	North Tipperary East Limerick	1613	907
HSE South West	<b>Total</b>	17027	7289
HSE South West	Kerry	3237	1676
HSE South West	North Cork	3675	1519
HSE South West	North Lee	4938	1937
HSE South West	South Lee	4144	1756
HSE South West	West Cork	1033	401
HSE West & North West	<b>Total</b>	17532	8347
HSE West & North West	Donegal	5369	2629
HSE West & North West	Galway	1870	859

HSE West & North West	Mayo	2617	1358
HSE West & North West	Roscommon	3580	1812
HSE West & North West	Sligo Leitrim	4096	1689