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PQ 33474/25:

To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists employed by the HSE, per local health area, per grade, from the years 2018 to 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

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 number of public dentists employed by the HSE for the years 2020-2024 is detailed in the attached spreadsheet (where a 1.0 WTE is equivalent a full time dentist working in the service). The data is not available by local health area as requested, but is available by CHO (2018 - 2024) and Health Region (2025 data).

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,

**Anne O'Neill
Assistant National Director, Oral Health**

Grade by Staff Category by Hospital/CHO	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Dental Surgeon, Senior	6	5	5	6	4	4	4
Dental Surgeon, General	18	18	17	16	16	12	16
Dental Surgeon, Senior Administrative	1		1	2	1	4	3
Dental Surgeon, Principal	3	5	5	6	6	6	6
CHO 1	28	28	28	30	27	26	29
Dental Surgeon, Senior	4	4	3	4	4	4	4
Dental Surgeon, General	15	14	14	15	15	15	15
Dental Surgeon, Senior Administrative	2	1	2	2	2	2	2
Dental Surgeon, Principal	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
CHO 2	23	21	21	23	23	23	23
Orthodontics, Specialist	3	3	3	3	3	2	3
Dental Surgeon, Senior	6	5	6	6	5	5	5
Dental Surgeon, General	14	15	14	13	15	14	13
Dental Surgeon, Senior Administrative	2	3	3	3	3	3	3
Dental Surgeon, Principal	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
CHO 3	26	27	26	25	27	25	25
Dental Surgeon, Senior	9	8	7	9	7	6	6
Dental Surgeon, General	33	30	28	26	28	32	31
Dental Surgeon, Senior Administrative	1	1	1	2	6	6	4
Dental Surgeon, Principal	4	4	4	4	4	3	3
CHO 4	47	43	41	41	45	48	45
Dental Surgeon, Senior	6	6	6	6	5	4	4
Dental Surgeon, General	19	19	20	20	21	19	20
Dental Surgeon, Senior Administrative	2	2	3	1	2	4	4
Dental Surgeon, Principal	3	3	3	3	3	3	2
CHO 5	30	31	33	30	31	30	31
Dental Surgeon, Senior	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Dental Surgeon, General	10	11	10	11	9	8	9
Dental Surgeon, Senior Administrative	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Dental Surgeon, Principal	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
CHO 6	16	17	17	18	16	15	15
Dental Surgeon, Senior	3	4	3	3	3	4	5
Dental Surgeon, General	26	23	25	22	21	20	17
Dental Surgeon, Senior Administrative	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Dental Surgeon, Principal	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Dental Surgeon, Clinical Grade I	1						
CHO 7	37	34	35	32	30	30	29
Dental Surgeon, Senior	5	5	5	4	4	4	4
Dental Surgeon, General	17	16	18	16	16	14	14
Dental Surgeon, Senior Administrative	2	4	3	4	3	4	3
Dental Surgeon, Principal	4	4	4	2	4	4	4
CHO 8	27	29	30	26	27	26	24
Dental Surgeon, Senior	5	3	3	4	3	4	6
Dental Surgeon, General	19	20	20	19	21	21	18
Dental Surgeon, Senior Administrative	2	2	3	3	3	3	2
Dental Surgeon, Principal	2	3	3	3	3	2	2
CHO 9	28	27	28	28	30	30	28

Dental Grades - HSE Only	Total	HSE Midwest	HSE Dublin & North East	HSE Dublin & South East	HSE Dublin & Midlands	HSE West & North West	HSE South West
Dental Surgeon, Senior	38	5	7	6	7	7	6
Dental Surgeon, General	154	14	36	31	19	25	29
Dental Surgeon, Senior Administrative	26	3	4	6	5	4	4
Dental Surgeon, Principal	23	1	5	3	4	7	3
TOTAL	241	23	52	46	35	42	42