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**Deputy Alan Kelly**  
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**Re: PQ 13129/25 - “To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE Dentists, Senior Dental Surgeons and Principal Dental Surgeons based at Primary Care Centres within CHO3 in the years 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form”.**

Dear Deputy Kelly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Please see below the WTE breakdown in Dental Surgeons across the HSE Mid West (CHO3) at the 1<sup>st</sup> of January of the respective years:

Grade	2023		2024		2025	
	Approved WTE	Actual WTE	Approved WTE	Actual WTE	Approved WTE	Actual WTE
Principal Dental Surgeon	1	1	1	1	1	1
Snr. Dental Surgeons	8.6	8.4	8.6	8.4	8.6	7.6
General Dental Surgeons	15.1	15.3	15.1	14.9	15.1	12.5

I trust the above information addresses the issues raised in your representation.

Yours sincerely,

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