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Ms. Pádraig O'Sullivan., T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
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"To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists in Cork city and Cork county which have ceased providing medical card services over the past five years; if she will provide an overview of the dental services currently offered to medical card holders; and if she will make a statement on the matter"

Dear Deputy O'Sullivan,

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

In response to your query, a substantial numbers of private dentists have left the medical card dental scheme in the past few years. There were 156 cancelled DTSS contracts in Cork in the period from 2020 to 2025. There is still a significant number of dentists operating the scheme in Cork City and Cork County. However, these dentists may operate a waiting list for medical card holders, or in some instances, they may only treat existing patients and are not accepting new patients.

The Dental Care available to medical card holders are entitled to a yearly dental examination and cleaning. They are also entitled to two fillings per year and any number of extractions. Dentures are also available to Medical Card holders and can be replaced every 5 years. The scheme allows extra dental treatment for patients with specified medical conditions or disabilities.

I have attached a list of dentists that accept medical cards patients in the Cork and Kerry area below for your convenience.

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

Yours sincerely,

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List of Dentists Taking on New Medical Card Patients		
Dental Practice	Address	Contact Number
Ahern's Dental Practice	5 Mill Road, Killorglin, Co.Kerry	066 9790400
Aidan Power Dental Surgery	Clareville House, Pouladuff Road, Cork	021 4317442
Alan O'dowling	Glasheen Rd., Cork	021 4542587
Anna Stuckenberg	119 Patrick St., Cork	021 4273713
Belvedere Dental Practice	Belvedere Court, Douglas, Cork	021 4295556
Brian Desmond & Lucy Walsh Gentle Dental	Hawkes Road, Bishopstown, Cork	021 4543856
Claire Rath Smiles & More Dental Practice	4 Eastgate Village, Little Island, Cork	021 4297444
Colm O'Neill Wrightville Dental Clinic,	Wrightville, Douglas Road, Cork	021 4966379
Delores Duffy Dental Clinic	4 Island Cross, Little Island, Co. Cork	021 4510122
Denis Nolan Dental Surgery	50 Lr Cork Street, Mitchelstown, Co.Cork	025 24519
Dental Surgery	Unit 2, Owenabue Mall, Carrigaline, Co Cork	021 4371944
Diarmuid Twomey Dental Surgery	Wallaces Ave., Boreenmanna Rd., Cork	021 4965917
Elaine Cullinane, Douglas West Dental Surgery	28 Douglas West, Douglas, Cork	021 4894267
Elaine Kiely Dental Surgery	Block B, Watersedge Riverside Way, Midleton, Co.Cork	021 4639455
Fermoy Dental Clinic	Lower Patrick St., Fermoy, Co.Cork	025 31137
Finbarr Herlihy,	Sackville St., Dunmanway, Co.Cork	023 8845131
Gary Squires Glanmire Dental Surgery	3 Old Court, Riverstown, Glanmire, Cork	021 4821133
Grace Buckley Winning Smile Dental Practice	Barnavara Hill, Poulacurry, Glanmire, Cork	021 4823724
Gurranabraher Dental Practice	9 Gurranabraher Road, Cork	021 4288619
Hollyhill Dental Practice	Uni 6, Hollyhill Shopping Centre, Harbour View Road, Cork	021 4303072
James Long Dental Surgery	4 Lavitts Quay, Cork	021 4270141
James Wall	Unit 4, Reeds Court, Barrack St., Cork	021 4963272
John O'flynn	Cedarville Medical & Dental Centre, Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick	068 32077
Katarzyna Dolata Kadent	Unit 18, Westside Centre, Model Farm Road, Cork	087 6430100
Liam Harte Dental Surgery	8 Harte's Courtyard, Clonakilty, Co.Cork	023 8858536
Liam Harte	Main St., Innishannon, Co. Cork	021 4775991



Martin McDonnell	St. Veronica's, Togher Road, Cork	021 4963664
Bowe Dental Clinic	Kent St., Fermoy, Co. Cork	025 31831
George Erics Dental Surgery	8 Kinsale Cottages, Turners Cross, Cork	021 4961776
Patrick Canty Dental Surgery	17 Rahilly Strret, Cobh, Co. Cork	021 4814221
Patrick Carey Onslow Gardens Dental Practice	Glenwood Dr, Onslow Gardens, Cork	021 4309600
Richard Browne Dental Surgery	12 Castle Street, Macroom, Co. Cork	026 41487
Richard Browne Dental Surgery	36 Main Street, Carrigtwohill, Co. Cork	021 4533864
Richard Tarrant	36 Strand Road, Clonakilty, Co. Cork	023 8833633
Ruairi O'conchubhair	Unit 13 Mahon, Ave De Rennes, Cork	021 4358616
Shane O'connor	Dental Surgery, 10 Broderick Street, Midleton, Co. Cork	021 4632698
Thomas Mc Carthy	61 Main Street, Macroom, Co. Cork	026 42922
Timothy Buckley Dental Surgery	Middle Square, Macroom, Co. Cork	026 41052