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Deputy Cathy Bennett Dáil Éireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2

Re: PQ 24861 25 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of dental positions in

County Monaghan; the number vacant, by quarter since 2023; and if she will

make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Bennet

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parlimentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position for Integrated Healthcare Area Monaghan.

The number of dental positions in County Monaghan and their status are on the attached table for clarity. At present the HSE is actively recruiting vacant posts in the Cavan Monaghan Dental Department

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

Yours sincerely

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Dental Positions Co. Monaghan

Post	WTE	Base location	Current Status	Comment	Vacancy Breakdown						
					Q1-Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	Q1 2025	Q2 2025
General Dental Surgeon	0.6	North Monaghan Primary Care Centre Monaghan	Filled		Filled			•			
General Dental Surgeon	1.0	Carrickmacross Primary Care Centre Monaghan	Filled	Was 0.8 WTE until May 2025 now 1 WTE	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Filled 0.8 WTE	Filled O.8 WTE	Filled 1 WTE
General Dental Surgeon	1.0	Carrickmacross Primary Care Centre Monaghan	Filled	On maternity leave until February 2026	Filled						
Dental Hygienist	1.0	North Monaghan Primary Care Centre Monaghan	Vacant	Recruitment campaign to begin shortly	Filled	Filled	Filled	Filled	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant
General Dental Surgeon	0.8	North Monaghan Primary Care Centre Monaghan	Vacant	Post offered to panel, accepted.	New development post						
Senior Dental Nurse	1.0	North Monaghan Primary Care Centre Monaghan	Filled		Filled	Filled	Filled	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Filled
Dental Nurse	0.6	North Monaghan Primary Care Centre Monaghan	Filled		Filled						
Dental Nurse	0.8	North Monaghan Primary Care Centre Monaghan	Filled		Filled						
Dental Nurse	0.6	Carrickmacross Primary Care Centre Monaghan	Filled		Filled						
Dental Nurse	0.9	Carrickmacross Primary Care Centre Monaghan	Vacant	0.5 WTE post in Cavan – retired to be merged with 0.4 days from another staff member and post moved to Carrickmacross	Filled	Filled	0.5 WTE post vacant Cavan	0.5 WTE post vacant Cavan	0.5 WTE post vacant Cavan	0.5 WTE post vacant Cavan	0.5 WTE post Vacant Cavan
Dental Nurse	0.8	North Monaghan Primary Care Centre Monaghan	Vacant	Recently vacant, request for approval to fill submitted.		Filled	Filled	Filled	Filled	Filled	Vacant