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PQ 24997/25: To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown of the number of public dentists who have retired in each county in each of the past ten years, in tabular form

Dear Deputy Lawless,

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 who have retired in each county is not collated or available as requested. However the number of public dentists employed by the HSE is available for the years 2017-2024 by CHO, and is detailed in the attached spreadsheet (where a 1.0 WTE is equivalent a full time dentist working in the service)

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	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Dental Surgeon, Senior	7	6	5	5	6	4	4	4
Dental Surgeon, General	17	18	18	17	16	16	12	16
Dental Surgeon, Senior Administrative	1	1		1	2	1	4	3
Dental Surgeon, Principal	3	3	5	5	6	6	6	6
CHO 1	28	28	28	28	30	27	26	29
Dental Surgeon, Senior	6	4	4	3	4	4	4	4
Dental Surgeon, General	14	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	2
CHO 2	22	23	21	21	23	23	23	23
Orthodontics, Specialist	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	3
Dental Surgeon, Senior	6	6	5	6	6	5	5	5
Dental Surgeon, General	16	14	15	14	13	15	14	13
Dental Surgeon, Senior Administrative	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	3
Dental Surgeon, Principal	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
CHO 3	28	26	27	26	25	27	25	25
Dental Surgeon, Senior	8	9	8	7	9	7	6	6
Dental Surgeon, General	34	33	30	28	26	28	32	31
Dental Surgeon, Senior Administrative	1	1	1	1	2	6	6	4
Dental Surgeon, Principal	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3
CHO 4	47	47	43	41	41	45	48	45
Dental Surgeon, Senior	4	6	6	6	6	5	4	4
Dental Surgeon, General	20	19	19	20	20	21	19	20
Dental Surgeon, Senior Administrative	2	2	2	3	1	2	4	4
Dental Surgeon, Principal	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2
CHO 5	29	30	31	33	30	31	30	31
Dental Surgeon, Senior	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Dental Surgeon, General	12	10	11	10	11	9	8	9
Dental Surgeon, Senior Administrative	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Dental Surgeon, Principal	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
CHO 6	17	16	17	17	18	16	15	15
Dental Surgeon, Senior	3	3	4	3	3	3	4	5
Dental Surgeon, General	26	26	23	25	22	21	20	17
Dental Surgeon, Senior Administrative	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Dental Surgeon, Principal	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Dental Surgeon, Clinical Grade I	1	1						
CHO 7	35	37	34	35	32	30	30	29
Dental Surgeon, Senior	6	5	5	5	4	4	4	4
Dental Surgeon, General	17	17	16	18	16	16	14	14
Dental Surgeon, Senior Administrative	2	2	4	3	4	3	4	3
Dental Surgeon, Principal	4	4	4	4	2	4	4	4
CHO 8	29	27	29	30	26	27	26	24
Dental Surgeon, Senior	3	5	3	3	4	3	4	6
Dental Surgeon, General	19	19	20	20	19	21	21	18
Dental Surgeon, Senior Administrative	1	2	2	3	3	3	3	2
Dental Surgeon, Principal	2	2	3	3	3	3	2	2
CHO 9	25	28	27	28	28	30	30	28