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**Deputy Ruairí Ó Murchú  
Dáil Eireann  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2**

**PQ 39191/22: To ask the Minister for Health the current number of dentists who have disengaged from the dental treatment services scheme on a county basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Ó Murchú,

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.

Adult medical card holders have access to dental services under the Dental Treatment Services Scheme (DTSS) through care provided by private dentists that hold DTSS contracts with the HSE.

The data requested is in the attached spreadsheet and details the current number of dentists that have exited the dental treatment service scheme due to resignations in 2021 and to date in 2022. It also provides the current number of contractors in the DTSS. The data is available by Local Health Office (LHO) and not by County as requested.

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

Yours Sincerely,

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AND, National Oral Health Lead - Operations**