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Deputy Darren O'Rourke,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Dublin 2

Re: PQ – 48324/23- To ask the Minister for Health the number of school dentists based in CHO8 in the years of 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy O'Rourke,

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. I have examined the matter and outline the position as follows;

The table below depicts both the numbers of Dental Surgeons and also the Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) in order to capture those Dental Surgeons who work on a part time basis. The table separates the CHO into the North East NE (Louth Meath) region and the Midlands (Laois, Offaly, Longford, Westmeath) region.

Louth Meath	Midlands
2022 - No Of Dentists = 15 WTE = 13.4	2022 - No Of Dentists = 14 WTE = 12.6
2023 - No Of Dentists = 15 WTE= 13.8	2023 - No Of Dentists = 10 WTE = 8.8

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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