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Deputy Duncan Smith, TD  
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**Re Ref: PQ 50602/23**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE dental surgeons employed by the HSE working in primary care centres within CHO6 in 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form.**

Dear Deputy Smith,

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 and Children for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The table below is the total number of Dental Surgeons Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) employed in CHO6/Primary Care for the years 2022 and 2023 as requested.

PDS: Principal Dental Surgeon.

SDS: Senior Dental Surgeon.

GDS: General Dental Surgeon.

	<b>PDS</b>	<b>SDS</b>	<b>GDS</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Q1 2022</b>	1	6	12.4	19.4 WTE
<b>Q2 2022</b>	1	5.4	11.2	17.6 WTE
<b>Q3 2022</b>	1	5.4	10.2	16.6 WTE
<b>Q4 2022</b>	1	5.4	9.2	15.6 WTE
<b>Q1 2023</b>	1	5.4	10.3	16.7 WTE
<b>Q2 2023</b>	1	5.4	10.7	17.1 WTE
<b>Q3 2023</b>	1	5.4	10.1	16.5 WTE
<b>Q4 2023</b>	1	5.4	10.3	16.7 WTE



I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me. .

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Niamh McAlinden', written over a horizontal line.

**Niamh McAlinden**

**Head of Service, Primary Care**

