

9th April, 2024

Mr. Duncan Smith, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ ref 13863/24.

"To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE orthodontists, by grade, working in St. Finbarr's Hospital, Cork, in 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, 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 for response.

Below is a table outlining the number of WTE orthodontists by grade working in St. Finbarr's Hospital:

Year	2022	2023	2024
Consultant Orthodontist	2 WTE	2.5 WTE (0.5 additional since end September 2023)	2.5
Orthodontic Specialist	4.32 WTE	4.32 WTE	3.47 WTE
Senior Dental Surgeon	2.59 WTE	2.59 WTE	2.59 WTE (with 0.86 due to retire end of June 2024)

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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