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PQ 15440/24: To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists on the dental treatment services scheme at the end of each quarter for each year 2019-2024 by LHO, in tabular form; the number of dentists who submitted claims and the total number of claims in quarter 1 of each year and each full year; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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 DTSS is a “choice of dentist” scheme which does not require the patient to register with a particular dentist and enables medical card holders to attend any DTSS contractor directly without recourse to the HSE. The number of dentists contracted to the DTSS at the end of each quarter for the years 2019 to date inclusive is detailed in the attached workbook. An administrative exercise was undertaken in June 2023 to clean the database which resulted in the removal of some non-active contracts.


The number of dentists who submitted claims under the Dental Treatment Services Scheme and the number of treatment claims that were made in each of the years 2019 to 2023, Quarter 1 and Year End, is detailed in the table below. Data on the number of private contractors who submitted claims is only available from October 2020.

Year	Number of Private Dentists who submitted claims Q1	Number of Private Dentists who submitted claims Year End	Total No. of treatments Q1	Total No. of treatments Year End
2019	n/a	n/a	283,698	1,049,293
2020	n/a	815 (December 2020)	266,987	790,727
2021	766 (March 2021)	689 (December 2021)	205,802	760,047
2022	675 (March 2022)	634 (December 2022)	180,839	815,346
2023	628 (March 2023)	630 (December 2023)	241,992	970,210
2024	626 (March 2024)	n/a	266,918	n/a

Table 1: DTSS Data 2019 – 2024

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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