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Deputy David Cullinane
 Dáil Eireann
 Leinster House
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PQ 15860/24: To ask the Minister for Health the number of active DTSS contract holders in HSE West and North West, in tabular form.

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 and the number of dentists who submitted claims (March 2024) in the relevant LHO areas is detailed in the table below.

HSE Area	LHO 16 Galway	LHO 17 Mayo	LHO 18 Roscommon	LHO 19 Donegal	LHO 20 Sligo/Leitrim	LHO 16 Galway
Number of Private Dentists	56	25	8	42	10	56
Number of Private Dentists who Submitted Claims	36	19	4	36	6	36

A process to update the contract numbers was undertaken in June 2023. The HSE corresponded with contract holders requesting they review their availability for provision of care for medical card holders. Several contractors contacted the service to advise that while they remain active on the scheme, they have no availability within the practice for new patients- either private or DTSS.

The number of dentists claiming per month has remained relatively stable. Availability of appointments fluctuates according to the daily capacity of the practices- it is not possible to indicate which may have available appointments on any given day.



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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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