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Mr. Pádraig O'Sullivan, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

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“To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists in Cork city and Cork county which have ceased providing medical card services over the past five years; if he will provide an overview of the dental services currently offered to medical card holders; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy O'Sullivan,

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.

In response to your query above, I can confirm that since 01/01/2019 the total number of dentists that have left the DTSS Scheme in Cork is 166. This number would include those dentists that have retired from clinical practice. While the number of dentists who have left the scheme is significant there are still a substantial number of dentists operating the scheme. Medical card holders in Cork City and County can avail of free dental care such as: dental check-up, teeth cleaning, fillings, extraction and dentures through the Dental Treatment Services Scheme.

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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