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Deputy David Cullinane
 Dáil Eireann
 Leinster House
 Kildare Street
 Dublin 2

PQ 30393/24 To ask the Minister for Health the all-in cost of 100 WTE dental nurses.

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.

The below table outlines the estimated full year cost of recruiting 100 WTE dental nurses. The WTE is taken as mid published salary scale for a dental nurse with qualification. Please note 30% of WTE Cost is included to cover estimated operational costs to reflect the clinical nature of the service which includes utilisation of PPE, additional HR and payroll costs and clinical consumables associated with a Dental and Orthodontic Service.

Table 1: WTE Cost (at published January 2024 pay scale)

Grade Code Description	WTE 1.0 Cost €	PRSI per WTE @ 11.05% €	30% Operational associated overheads per WTE	Full Year Cost of 1.0 WTE €
Dental Nurse	38,270	4,228.84	12,777.60	55, 276.44
				X100
				5.527m

The above information is used for planning purposes only as individual services may incur additional costs depending on geographical or deprivation factors. Newly recruited staff with extensive experience may be appointed at a higher level on the pay scale.

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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr. Anne O'Neill".

Anne O'Neill

Assistant National Director, Oral Health