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Deputy Duncan Smith  
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**Re: PQ 31764 24 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE dental nurses, hygienists and dentists based at the dental clinic at St. Conal's Hospital, Letterkenny in 2023 and to date in 2024; and if this number will be further increased before the end of this year**

Dear Deputy Smith

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above PQ, which you submitted to the Chief Officer Community Healthcare Cavan Donegal Monaghan Sligo for response.

I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position for Community Healthcare Cavan Donegal Leitrim Monaghan Sligo.

|   | 2023 | 2024 |
|---|------|------|
| <b>Dentists WTE</b>   | 6.0  | 6.0  |
| <b>Dental nurses WTE</b> (including clinical work, work commitment to LDU and the organisation and provision of dental care to patients under general anaesthesia at Letterkenny University hospital. | 5.7  | 5.7  |
| <b>Dental hygienists WTE</b>  | 1.0  | 1.0  |

The above information for dentists relates to actual WTE based in Letterkenny but is not reflective of the WTE providing clinical care to patients in Letterkenny as dentists are required to travel to clinics outside of Letterkenny to provide clinical care.

I can confirm that recruitment of 1.0WTE General Dental Surgeon has been completed with an estimated start date of 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024. This dentist will provide treatment to the patients of Buncrana and Letterkenny and will be based in Letterkenny 2 days per week.

I trust that this is of assistance, but please do not hesitate to contact me if you require anything further.

Yours sincerely

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