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Dáil Eireann
Leinster House
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PQ 20723/24: To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists participating in the dental treatment service scheme, by LHO and CHO, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Shortall,

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 by LHO area is detailed in table 1 below.

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.

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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Table 1: No. of DTSS Contractors		
HSE Area	CHO	May-24
LHO 1 Dunlaoghaire	6	12
LHO 2 Dublin South East	6	5
LHO 3 Dublin South City	7	26
LHO 4 Dublin South West	7	28
LHO 5 Dublin West	7	9
LHO 6 Kildare/West Wicklow	7	27
LHO 7 Wicklow	6	18
LHO 8 Laois/Offaly	8	11
LHO 9 Longford/ Westmeath	8	32
LHO 10 North West Dublin	9	25
LHO 11 Dublin North Central	9	30
LHO 12 North Dublin	9	17
LHO 13 Cavan/ Monaghan	1	54
LHO 14 Louth	8	18
LHO 15 Meath	8	14
LHO 16 Galway	2	56
LHO 17 Mayo	2	22
LHO 18 Roscommon	2	6
LHO 19 Donegal	1	42
LHO 20 Sligo/ Leitrim	1	10
LHO 21 Clare	3	12
LHO 22 North Tipp/East Limerick	3	19
LHO 23 Limerick	3	47
LHO 24 Cork-South Lee	4	56
LHO 25 Cork North Lee	4	78
LHO 26 West Cork	4	19
LHO 27 Kerry	4	18
LHO 28 North Cork	4	27



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LHO 29 Carlow/ Kilkenny	5	18
LHO 30 Waterford	5	18
LHO 31 South Tipperary	5	21
LHO 32 Wexford	5	13
National Total *		808