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PQ 45277/24: To ask the Minister for Health the total number of dentists employed directly by the HSE in each of the years since 2019, by CHO and LHO, 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.

The total number of dentists employed directly by the HSE in each of the years 2019 -2024 is detailed in the table below and is available by CHO.

| | Service/Grade - HSE Only | WTE Dec 19 | WTE Dec 20 | WTE Dec 21 | WTE Dec 22 | WTE Dec 23 | WTE Sep 24 |
|-------|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| CHO 1 | Dental Surgeon, General | 18.0 | 17.3 | 16.4 | 16.0 | 12.4 | 14.2 |
| CHO 1 | Dental Surgeon, Principal | 4.9 | 4.9 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 5.9 | 5.9 |
| CHO 1 | Dental Surgeon, Senior | 4.9 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 4.0 |
| CHO 1 | Dental Surgeon, Senior Administrative | | 1.0 | 1.9 | 1.0 | 3.9 | 2.8 |
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| CHO 2 | Dental Surgeon, General | 14.2 | 14.3 | 14.7 | 15.2 | 15.3 | 14.2 |
| CHO 2 | Dental Surgeon, Principal | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| CHO 2 | Dental Surgeon, Senior | 4.0 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| CHO 2 | Dental Surgeon, Senior Administrative | 1.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.8 |
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| CHO 3 | Dental Surgeon, General | 14.8 | 14.1 | 13.4 | 14.8 | 14.4 | 14.5 |
| CHO 3 | Dental Surgeon, Principal | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| CHO 3 | Dental Surgeon, Senior | 5.4 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 4.6 |
| CHO 3 | Dental Surgeon, Senior Administrative | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 3.0 |

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| CHO 4 | Dental Surgeon, General | 29.6 | 28.4 | 26.0 | 28.3 | 32.2 | 29.5 |
| CHO 4 | Dental Surgeon, Principal | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.4 | 2.8 |
| CHO 4 | Dental Surgeon, Senior | 8.0 | 7.0 | 8.8 | 6.7 | 6.4 | 6.5 |
| CHO 4 | Dental Surgeon, Senior Administrative | 1.4 | 1.4 | 2.4 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 4.2 |
| | | | | | | | |
| CHO 5 | Dental Surgeon, General | 19.3 | 20.2 | 19.6 | 21.1 | 18.6 | 19.1 |
| CHO 5 | Dental Surgeon, Principal | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.0 |
| CHO 5 | Dental Surgeon, Senior | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 5.5 | 4.4 | 4.4 |
| CHO 5 | Dental Surgeon, Senior Administrative | 2.0 | 3.0 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 3.8 | 3.7 |
| | | | | | | | |
| CHO 6 | Dental Surgeon, General | 10.5 | 9.6 | 11.2 | 9.2 | 8.4 | 8.8 |
| CHO 6 | Dental Surgeon, Principal | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| CHO 6 | Dental Surgeon, Senior | 2.6 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.9 |
| CHO 6 | Dental Surgeon, Senior Administrative | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.7 |
| | | | | | | | |
| CHO 7 | Dental Surgeon, General | 23.2 | 25.1 | 22.3 | 20.6 | 19.5 | 17.3 |
| CHO 7 | Dental Surgeon, Principal | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| CHO 7 | Dental Surgeon, Senior | 3.9 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.1 | 4.0 | 5.0 |
| CHO 7 | Dental Surgeon, Senior Administrative | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.2 |
| | | | | | | | |
| CHO 8 | Dental Surgeon, General | 16.4 | 18.4 | 15.9 | 16.5 | 14.5 | 14.1 |
| CHO 8 | Dental Surgeon, Principal | 4.0 | 4.0 | 2.4 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| CHO 8 | Dental Surgeon, Senior | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 3.6 |
| CHO 8 | Dental Surgeon, Senior Administrative | 3.7 | 2.7 | 3.7 | 2.6 | 3.6 | 2.7 |
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| CHO 9 | Dental Surgeon, General | 19.9 | 19.9 | 18.9 | 21.0 | 20.9 | 17.8 |
| CHO 9 | Dental Surgeon, Principal | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| CHO 9 | Dental Surgeon, Senior | 2.7 | 2.6 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 3.9 | 5.0 |
| CHO 9 | Dental Surgeon, Senior Administrative | 1.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.2 |

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 cursive script that reads "Dr. Anne O'Neill".

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