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PQ 42214/24: To ask the Minister for Health to outline the vacancies in dentistry for each CHO region, and to include the length of each vacancy.

Dear Deputy Troy,

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.

With the agreement of the Pay and Numbers Strategy between the Department of Health and the HSE, staffing levels (WTE) were set to those that were live in the system at the end of 2023. The resulting impact redefined any vacancies that arose prior to that date as no longer being in the system. Concurrently, any additional WTE live in the system at the end of 2023 were defined as part of the existing staffing levels.

As part of the implementation of the Health Regions and the Pay and Numbers strategy, it is the responsibility of the Regional Executive Officer to identify vacancies arising in 2024 and determine whether they can be replaced within their WTE limits.

The HSE does not hold trending data information on vacancies by grade within the oral healthcare services.

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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