



15 April 2019

Deputy Stephen S. Donnelly
Dáil Eireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

Re: PQ 15934/19

Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for an oral health appointment in primary care at 31 March 2019 or the latest date available; and the numbers waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred by the Minister for Health to the Health Service Executive for direct response.

The Deputy tabled a similar PQ (PQ 3448/19) and it was responded to insofar as was possible allowing for limitations in the way data is collated and available across the various CHOs / local areas. That response provided was on the basis of seeking data via individual CHO and as outlined there are limitations in that regard. I **attach** a copy of that response for convenience.

Orthodontic Service - latest available data

Orthodontic data is collated as per the Orthodontic areas, which do not correspond with CHO boundaries, and requested waiting time bands. The National Orthodontic waiting lists for treatment, as at Q4 2018 are detailed in Table 1 below.

	In Active Treatment	Waiting < 2 years	Waiting 2-4 years	Waiting > 4 years	Totals	Grade 4	Grade 5	Totals
Former East Coast (Loughlinstown)	1109	573	383	54	1010	489	521	1010
Former South West (St James's)	2559	1228	1145	95	2468	1099	1369	2468
Midlands	851	1201	566	370	2137	1508	629	2137
DNE	3787	1751	788	344	2883	1697	1186	2883
South	2740	1513	649	5	2167	981	1186	2167
South East	1157	1412	1385	253	3050	1308	1742	3050
Mid Western	1581	792	873	49	1714	780	934	1714
North West	1190	488	76	0	564	252	312	564
Western	2395	1137	1052	0	2189	1341	848	2189
Totals	17369	10095	6917	1170	18182	9455	8727	18182

Table 1: Orthodontic – Numbers In Active Treatment at Q4, 2018 and Numbers Waiting for Treatment at Q4, 2018

If I can help the Deputy further by discussing please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours Sincerely,



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