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Dublin 2.

**RE PQ 16615/19: To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in County Louth on the orthodontic waiting list; the number waiting 6, 12, 18 and over 18 months, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Adams,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question and Representation, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outline the position as follows.

All children deemed eligible for HSE funded orthodontic treatment from counties Monaghan & Louth receive their treatment in the Dundalk Orthodontic Unit. Our electronic system is unable to differentiate between the addresses of children eligible for orthodontic treatment in Dundalk Orthodontic Unit. Therefore, all information below refers to the number of children who are on our waitlist from counties Louth & Monaghan.

**Louth & Monaghan:**

0-6 months	115
12 months	110
18 months	207
over 18 months	316
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>748</b>

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Pat Bennett  
Chief Officer  
Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation