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*To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for dental treatment in primary care in CHO 7 by county in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

- *Fiona O'Loughlin*

Dear Deputy O'Loughlin,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Dublin South, Kildare and West Wicklow Community Healthcare Dental Services provide a range of services to adults and children including emergency services and oral health promotion and school based education. The information requested is not held in the format of by county as requested. However to assist with this response the following data is current for the Dental Service in Community Healthcare.

With the exception of the Regional General Anaesthetic Waiting List, waiting lists are not held for children in this area. Children are targeted for dental assessment in designated classes (2nd, 4th and 6th) in national schools during the academic year. If due to a lack of resources children are not targeted then the programme moves onto the next year. However the children remain untargeted and are not held on waiting lists.

Area	Classes	Number of Children waiting	Academic Year
Dublin South West/Kildare West Wicklow	2nd, 4th and 6th	18,0000	2019/2020
Dublin South City	2nd, 4th and 6th	4000	2019/2020
Dublin West	2nd, 4th and 6th	7000	2019/2020

The information requested for the Regional General Anaesthetic Waiting List is as follows:

Area	Year	Number of Children Waiting	Comment
Dublin South West/Kildare West Wicklow	2016	207	No longer waiting. Treatment completed.
Dublin South West/Kildare West Wicklow	2017	239	No longer waiting. Treatment completed.
Dublin South West/Kildare West Wicklow	2018	183	No longer waiting. Treatment completed..
Dublin South West/Kildare West Wicklow	2019	100	All managed except for 4 who are going through the referral process.
Dublin South City/Dublin West	2016/2018	0	None
Dublin South City/Dublin West	2019	200	In the majority of cases treatment will be complete within 3 months of referral

I trust this information is of assistance to you but if you have any queries or require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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