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PQ 50869/19 * *To ask the Minister for Health the status of child waiting lists for scoliosis treatment by hospital and length of time on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

Dear Deputy Shortall,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The management of scoliosis is complex and is determined by the severity of the curvature and skeletal maturity which together helps predict the likelihood of progression.

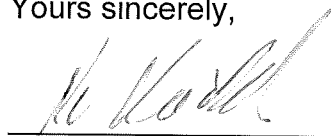
The HSE National Service Plan 2019 sets out among its priorities and actions to continue to build on the improvements in access to paediatric orthopaedics including surgery for scoliosis to ensure clinically appropriate waiting times, to continue close working between Cappagh Orthopaedic Hospital and Children's Health Ireland (Temple Street) to ensure that children / young adults have their scoliosis surgery undertaken in the most appropriate setting, based on clinical need and within clinically appropriate timeframe and to continue the implementation of the care pathway for the transition of adolescents with scoliosis from Children's Health Ireland (Crumlin Services) to the MMUH.

Please see below, details as at 29th November 2019 on the number of spinal fusion patients and other spinal patients waiting for treatment at CHI Crumlin, CHI Temple Street and Cappagh National Orthopaedic Hospital and University Hospital Galway.

as at 29th November 2019								
This information represents active patients ,which excludes suspended patients , patients with TCI's and planned procedures								
	0-3 Months	3-6 Months	6-9 Months	9-12 Months	12-15 Months	15-18 Months	18+ Months	Total
CHI Temple Street								
Spinal Fusion	11	2	0	1	0	0	0	14
Spinal Other	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	4
Cappagh National Orthopaedic Hospital								
Spinal Fusion	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
CHI Crumlin								
Spinal Fusion	9	7	12	3	4	1	2	38
Spinal Other	10	3	6	3	2	0	2	26
University Hospital Galway								
Spinal Fusion	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,



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