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## PQ 9907/19

To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on waiting lists for State provided orthodontic care in counties Carlow and Kilkenny; the number which have been categorised IOTN 5 as having a high level of need for orthodontic treatment but have been subjected to a waiting time of 24 months; the number of orthodontists assigned to tacking general waiting lists in counties Carlow and Kilkenny; the number assigned to tacking the IOTN 5 waiting lists in counties Carlow and Kilkenny; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Aylward,

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

I have examined the matter and the following response outlines the position.

Carlow/Kilkenny Orthodontic Waiting Times:

Carlow/Kilkenny	No. of children on waiting list for Orthodontic care	No. of IOTN Grade 5 waiting
0-2 years	332	199
2+ years	296	167

There is one WTE Orthodontist based in James' Green Kilkenny, covering Carlow/Kilkenny patients and three part-time staff to carry out all treatment for IOTN 4 and IOTN 5 patients.

Should you have any further queries in relation to same, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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