



16 July 2019

Deputy Sean Fleming
Dáil Eireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

29597/19: To ask the Minister for Health the number of the 18,043 persons on the orthodontic waiting list at the end of quarter one that went on the waiting list in 2018 and each year prior to 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Fleming,

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.

Further to previous response (PQ 19965/19) KPI Data for the HSE Orthodontic Service as at Q2 2019 is now available. The number of persons on the Orthodontic treatment waiting list is 19035 and the wait times for this group are detailed in Table 1.

	In Active Treatment	Waiting < 2 years on the treatment waiting list	Waiting 2-4 years on the treatment waiting list	Waiting > 4 years on the treatment waiting list	Totals
Former East Coast (Loughlinstown)	1,134	1,101	483	55	1,639
Former South West (St James's)	2,648	1,907	535	47	2,489
Midlands	838	1,232	523	357	2,112
DNE	4,101	1,737	993	453	3,183
South	3,016	1,571	744	0	2,315
South East	1,141	1,260	1409	517	3,186
Mid Western	1,452	777	991	18	1,786
North West	950	488	69	0	557
Western	2,278	1,078	690	0	1,768
Totals	17588	11151	6437	1447	19035

Table 1: Orthodontic – Numbers In Active Treatment at Q2, 2019 and Numbers Waiting for Treatment at Q2, 2019

The HSE Orthodontic Service is provided by 13 WTE Consultant Orthodontists, 45 WTE Orthodontic Specialists and 64 WTE Dental Nurses working in Regional Orthodontic Departments.

The Orthodontic Services are taking all measures possible to address the waiting lists. A waiting list initiative to deal with long waiting times for access to orthodontic treatment commenced in 2016 and to date has enabled treatment for an additional 1,489 of the longest waiting patients

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but if you require further clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,



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