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Deputy Anne Rabbitte, TD
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PQ 25759/19

To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years of age in CHO2 waiting for an appointment in categories and for periods (a dental hygienist, a dental screening, a general anaesthetic assessment and an orthodontic assessment; and the number waiting 0-12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Rabbitte

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The following are the figures for the **orthodontic assessment** waiting times in Community Healthcare West area:

	0 – 12 weeks	12 -26 weeks	26 – 52 weeks	52 weeks +
Orthodontic Assessment	408	1,100	739	75

The service has recently had two new Consultants join the team full time and envisage that the orthodontic assessment waiting times will be greatly reduced in the near future as a result.

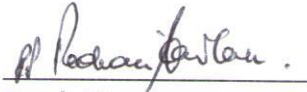
Galway	0 – 12 weeks	12 -26 weeks	26 – 52 weeks	52 weeks +
Dental Hygienist	248	203	30	
Dental Screening				Circa 14,000
General Anaesthetic				58
- Fillings				
- Extractions	50	50	40	

Mayo	0 – 12 weeks	12 -26 weeks	26 – 52 weeks	52 weeks +
Dental Hygienist	363			
Dental Screening	210	400	400	768
General Anaesthetic		40		

Roscommon	0 – 12 weeks	12 -26 weeks	26 – 52 weeks	52 weeks +
Dental Hygienist	295	450	120	
Dental Screening	118	402	779	963
General Anaesthetic	17	38	23	

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely



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