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Deputy Bernard Durkan,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 40238/19

"To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting scoliosis procedures; the number of these procedures that have taken place on a weekly and monthly basis in the past twelve months; and if he will make a statement on the matter".

Dear Deputy Durkan,

I refer to your parliamentary question above to which I have been asked to provide a response on behalf of Children's Health Ireland.

For the period January 2019 to 27th September 2019 CHI at Crumlin have completed 89 spinal fusions with a target set for 120 spinal fusions in 2019 (full year). 15 spinal fusions were performed in CHI at Temple Street and 24 performed in Cappagh Hospital.

The number of patients on the waiting list for spinal fusion surgeries as of the 27th September are 90 (excluding suspensions). Overall since the 1st Jan 2019 there has been an increase of 21 patients or 30% on the waiting list for those waiting for spinal fusion surgeries (excluding suspensions)

The number of children waiting over 4 months for spinal fusion surgeries has reduced from January 2019 where there were 35 and now at end of September there are 34, a reduction of 1 patients or 3%.

The number suspensions as at 30th September 2019 is 22 for spinal fusion. This is a decrease compared to spinal fusions at the start of 2019, which was also 25 suspensions for spinal fusion.

There have been an additional 60 posts approved, with staff starting at different months in 2018 and 2019. CHI is currently recruiting two additional general orthopaedic consultants which will further reduce waiting times for children for general orthopaedic outpatient appointment, including scoliosis. These paediatric orthopaedic consultants will form part of Children's Health Ireland's consultant team and will join a cross-city team of paediatric consultants who will deliver services at Crumlin and Temple Street as well as evolving role of the Paediatric Outpatient and Urgent Care Centre at Connolly which is part of the overall vision for a cross city paediatric orthopaedic service in CHI.

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It is anticipated that with the appointment of these two posts, at CHI at Crumlin, it will facilitate the spinal surgeons to dedicate more time to spinal patients thus allowing Crumlin to reach the agreed target of 120 spinal fusions for 2019 and decreasing the time that patients have to wait for surgery over 4 months. This will mean CHI at Crumlin performing 3 spinal fusions per week for the remainder of 2019 to meet this target.

* No of patients suspended from the waiting list, as patient is temporarily unavailable or clinically unsuitable for their procedure. This includes all suspensions (hospital or patient initiated)

CHI published an update on the Scoliosis Co-Design 10 Point Action Plan in July, a copy is available on <http://www.olchc.ie/About-Us/News/CHI-update-on-Scoliosis-Co-Design-10-Point-Action-Plan-2019.html>

See attached updated on scoliosis related surgeries as at week ending 27th September 2019.

I trust this is satisfactory.

Yours sincerely,



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Weekly / Monthly Breakdown of Spinal fusion surgeries and other spinal Procedures For CHI at Crumlin, CHI at Temple Street and Cappagh

	Spinal Fusions			
	Crumlin	Temple St	Cappagh	Total
05/01/2018	0	0	1	1
12/01/2018	2	0	4	6
19/01/2018	4	0	0	4
26/01/2018	1	1	1	3
Total Jan 18	7	1	6	14
02/02/2018	3	0	1	4
09/02/2018	1	1	2	4
16/02/2018	3	0	0	3
23/02/2018	1	2	1	4
Total Feb 18	8	3	4	15
02/03/2018	1	0	1	2
09/03/2018	3	1	1	5
16/03/2018	4	0	0	4
23/03/2018	1	0	1	2
30/03/2018	2	0	0	2
Total Mar 18	11	1	3	15
06/04/2018	2	0	0	2
13/04/2018	2	0	1	3
20/04/2018	0	1	2	3
27/04/2018	4	1	3	8
Total Apr 18	8	2	6	16
04/05/2018	3	0	0	3
11/05/2018	2	0	0	2
18/05/2018	4	1	2	7
25/05/2018	3	1	0	4
Total May 18	12	2	2	16

	Spinal Other Surgeries			
	Crumlin	Temple St	Cappagh	Total
	0	2	0	2
	0	2	0	2
	1	4	0	5
	3	2	0	5
	4	10	0	14
	4	0	0	4
	0	2	0	2
	3	3	0	6
	3	2	0	5
	10	7	0	17
	1	0	0	1
	1	3	4	8
	4	1	0	5
	3	0	0	3
	0	2	0	2
	9	6	4	19
	4	2	0	6
	0	1	0	1
	5	3	0	8
	2	1	0	3
	11	7	0	18
	3	1	0	4
	6	1	0	7
	1	2	3	6
	1	1	0	2
	11	5	3	19

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01/06/2018	4	0	1	5	4	1	0	5
06/06/2018	1	-1	0	0	5	3	0	8
15/06/2018	1	1	1	3	2	1	0	3
22/06/2018	2	0	3	5	0	3	1	4
29/06/2018	4	0	2	6	1	1	0	2
Total Jun 18	12	0	7	19	12	9	1	22
06/07/2018	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	1
13/07/2018	3	0	1	4	1	0	0	1
20/07/2018	5	0	0	5	3	2	0	5
27/07/2018	4	1	1	6	0	1	0	1
Total Jul 18	14	2	2	18	4	3	1	8
03/08/2018	4	1	1	6	3	4	0	7
10/08/2018	2	0	2	4	3	3	0	6
17/08/2018	1	1	2	4	1	0	0	1
24/08/2018	1	1	0	2	2	0	0	2
31/08/2018	4	1	1	6	4	2	2	8
Total Aug 18	12	4	6	22	13	9	2	24
07/09/2018	3	2	1	6	5	1	0	6
14/09/2018	1	1	2	4	1	1	6	8
21/09/2018	3	1	2	6	5	0	0	5
28/09/2018	5	1	0	6	2	0	0	2
Total Sep 18	12	5	5	22	13	2	6	21
05/10/2018	2	0	0	2	2	2	0	4
12/10/2018	1	1	1	3	3	2	0	5
19/10/2018	2	1	1	4	0	2	0	2
26/10/2018	5	0	1	6	3	2	0	5
Total Oct 18	10	2	3	15	8	6	0	16
02/11/2018	2	0	0	2	4	1	0	5
09/11/2018	4	0	2	6	4	1	0	5
16/11/2018	2	0	1	3	0	0	0	0

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23/11/2018	5	0	0	5	3	4	0	7
30/11/2018	0	1	1	2	0	3	0	3
Total Nov 18	13	1	4	18	11	9	0	20
07/12/2018	2	1	0	3	0	2	0	2
14/12/2018	2	1	2	5	1	3	0	4
21/12/2018	1	0	0	1	5	1	4	10
28/12/2018	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Total Dec 18	7	2	2	11	6	6	4	16
Total for 2018	126	25	50	201	112	81	21	214
04/01/2019	2	0	0	2	4	3	0	7
11/01/2019	2	0	0	2	2	2	0	4
18/01/2019	2	0	0	2	4	2	0	6
25/01/2019	2	0	1	3	0	2	2	4
Total Jan 19	8	1	1	10	10	9	2	21
01/02/2019	2	0	0	2	1	1	0	2
08/02/2019	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
15/02/2019	2	0	0	2	3	1	0	4
22/02/2019	2	0	5	7	1	0	0	1
Total Feb 19	6	1	5	12	6	2	0	8
01/03/2019	4	0	0	4	2	0	2	4
08/03/2019	5	1	0	6	4	1	0	5
15/03/2019	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	1
22/03/2019	2	1	1	4	1	3	0	4
29/03/2019	2	1	0	3	8	2	0	10
Total Mar 19	14	4	1	19	16	6	2	24
05/04/2019	1	0	1	2	1	3	2	6
12/04/2019	3	2	0	5	3	1	0	4
19/04/2019	4	0	1	5	5	2	0	7
26/04/2019	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Total Apr 19	9	2	2	13	9	6	2	17

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10/05/2019	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	2
17/05/2019	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
24/05/2019	3	0	1	4	0	2	0	2
31/05/2019	5	0	0	5	2	1	4	7
Total May '19	14	0	2	16	2	7	7	16
07/06/2019	2	1	0	3	5	1	0	6
14/06/2019	4	1	1	6	1	0	0	1
21/06/2019	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
28/06/2019	2	0	1	3	1	1	0	2
Total Jun '19	9	3	2	14	7	2	0	9
05/07/2019	2	0	0	2	3	2	0	5
12/07/2019	1	0	3	4	6	4	0	10
19/07/2019	1	0	1	2	8	3	0	11
26/07/2019	3	1	1	5	1	1	0	2
Total Jul '19	7	1	5	13	18	10	0	28
02/08/2019	3	1	1	5	3	0	0	3
09/08/2019	2	0	1	3	1	1	0	2
16/08/2019	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	1
23/08/2019	3	0	1	4	1	2	0	3
30/08/2019	3	0	0	3	4	1	0	5
Total Aug '19	12	1	4	17	9	5	0	14
06/09/2019	2	0	1	3	0	1	0	1
13/09/2019	3	1	0	4	2	0	0	2
20/09/2019	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	3
27/09/2019	4	1	1	6	4	2	0	6
Total Sep '19	10	2	2	14	6	6	0	12
2019 YTD	89	15	24	128	83	53	13	149
Oct'18-Sep'19	119	20	39	172	108	76	17	201

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