



Children's Health Ireland
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PQ 38840/19

"To ask the Minister for Health the most recent waiting list and waiting times for children waiting for scoliosis surgery in Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin; and if he will make a statement on the matter".

Dear Deputy Martin,

I refer to your parliamentary question above on behalf to which I have been asked to provide a response.

Please see below, details as at 30th September 2019 on the number of spinal fusion patients and other spinal patients waiting less than four months CHI at Crumlin which includes the number waiting four to eight and more than eight months for treatment.

Children's Health Ireland at Crumlin

Spinal Fusion as at 27 th September 2019								
	0-3 Months	3-6 Months	6-9 Months	9-12 Months	12-15 Months	15-18 Months	18+ Months	Total
Active	14	18	6	8	2	1	2	51
TCI	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	4
Suspended	1	6	6	0	1	1	3	18
Planned		1					1	2
Total	16	26	13	9	3	2	6	75

Spinal Other as at 27 th September 2019								
	0-3 Months	3-6 Months	6-9 Months	9-12 Months	12-15 Months	15-18 Months	18+ Months	Total
Active	7	5	1	2	0	0	5	20
TCI	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Suspended	1	1	2	0	0	2	2	8
Planned	10	2	3	0	0	0	1	16
Total	22	8	6	2	0	2	8	48

Mission – To promote and provide child-centered, research-led and learning informed healthcare, to the highest standards of safety and excellence. We do this in partnership with each other, with children, young people and their families through a network of children's services in Ireland.

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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>

Attached is the update on scoliosis related surgeries newsletter as at week ending 27th September 2019.

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.

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.

I trust this is satisfactory.

Yours sincerely,



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Children's Health Ireland (CHI)

Update on Scoliosis Related Surgeries

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Dedicated Line for Parents
 Both CHI at Crumlin and CHI at Temple Street have a dedicated line in place for parents only to deal with queries in relation to their child's scoliosis care plan.

Total Surgeries (including single and multiple stages) performed as of 27th September 2019

Week Ending 30/08/2019	CHI at Crumlin	CHI at Temple Street	Cappagh Hospital	Total
Number of Spinal Fusion YTD	89	15	24	128
Number of Other Spinal Procedures YTD	83	53	13	149
Total	172	68	37	277

CHI at Temple Street
 Tel: 01 902 1530
 Mon - Fri: 9.00am - 12.00 noon

CHI at Crumlin
 Tel: 01 430 0377
 Mon - Fri: 9.00am - 12.00 noon

Total number of patients on waiting lists clinically deemed as requiring surgery as of 27th September 2019

Week Ending 30/08/2019	Number of patients on waiting list waiting for scoliosis related surgeries	
	Includes active, pre-admit and planned procedures (excluding suspensions*)	
	Number waiting for Spinal Fusion	Number waiting for other spinal procedures
CHI at Crumlin	57	40
CHI at Temple Street	16	27
Cappagh Hospital	17	0
Total	90	67

*Suspensions are patients temporarily unavailable due to clinical or family reasons

