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Deputy Louise O'Reilly,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ 13459/20**

"To ask the Minister for Health the number of scoliosis surgeries relating to children carried out in 2020; and the way in which this compares with 2018 and 2019, in tabular form"

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

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

The introduction of government restrictions for COVID-19 based on public health advice required CHI at Crumlin and CHI at Temple Street to defer all non-emergency surgeries. This has led to a reduction in the number of Scoliosis surgeries performed so far this year.

Please see on the attached sheet details of activity to the end of June for 2018, 2019 and 2010.

I attach a copy of the bi-weekly scoliosis related surgery figures as at of 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020 for your convenience.

I trust this is satisfactory.

Yours sincerely,

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### Comparison of Activity YTD End June 2020,2019 and 2018

	2020 Activity	2019 Activity	2018 Activity	2020 - 2019	2019-2018
<b>Hospital</b>	<b>Total Surgeries 2020 YTD</b>	<b>YTD 2019 Surgeries</b>	<b>YTD 2018 Surgeries</b>	<b>Y on Y</b>	<b>Y on Y</b>
Crumlin Spinal Fusion	38	60	58	-22	2
Temple Street Spinal Fusion	9	11	9	-2	2
<b>Spinal Fusion Current Total</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>-26</b>	<b>-11</b>
Crumlin Spinal Other	39	50	57	-11	-7
Temple Street Spinal Other	31	32	47	-1	-15
<b>Spinal Other Current Total</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>-26</b>	<b>-11</b>



## 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 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Week Ending 19/06/2020	CHI at Crumlin	CHI at Temple Street	Cappagh Hospital	Total
Number of Spinal Fusion YTD	37	8	9	54
Number of Other Spinal Procedures YTD	39	31	2	72
<b>Total</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>126</b>

#### CHI at Temple Street

Tel: 01 892 1830  
Mon – Fri: 9.00am – 12.00 noon

#### CHI at Crumlin

Tel: 01 409 6877  
Mon – Fri: 9.00am – 12.00 noon

#### Total number of patients on waiting lists clinically deemed as requiring surgery as of 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Week Ending 19/06/2020	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	70	35
CHI at Temple Street	21	31
Cappagh Hospital	16	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>66</b>

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

